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Once a virtual paradise, the planet Mobius was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of Doctor Robotnik. In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs. The greatest among them is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet... **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

The story so far...

Sonic uses the Sword of Acorns to free King Acorn's crystallized body from being possessed by the wizard Ixis Naugus. During their separation, Sonic glimpsed into Naugus' mind and learned of his future plans: To scour the planet Mobius for allies and create an alliance to topple The King's regime! With current events looking better than ever (such as The King's cure from crystallization and the Robians given permission to take over Knothole Village), Sonic decides this is his chance to make a difference again. He will look for Naugus wherever his trail may lead and take him down once and for all (and maybe help some Mobians along the way). Excited about taking the high road to adventure with his buddy Tails, Sonic packs with all the exuberance of a little boy...

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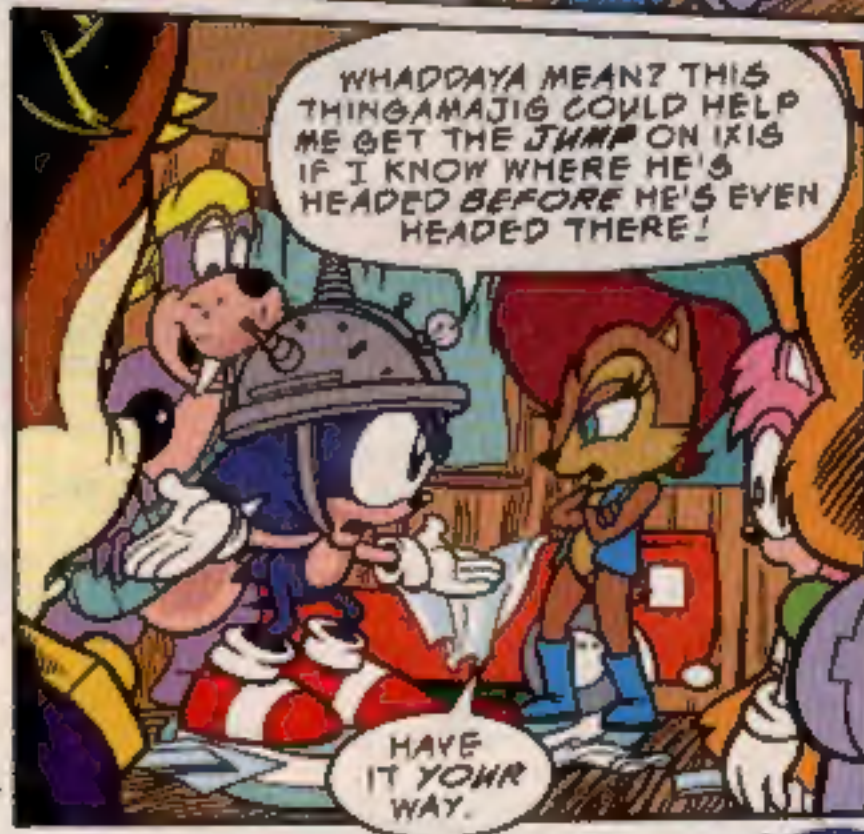
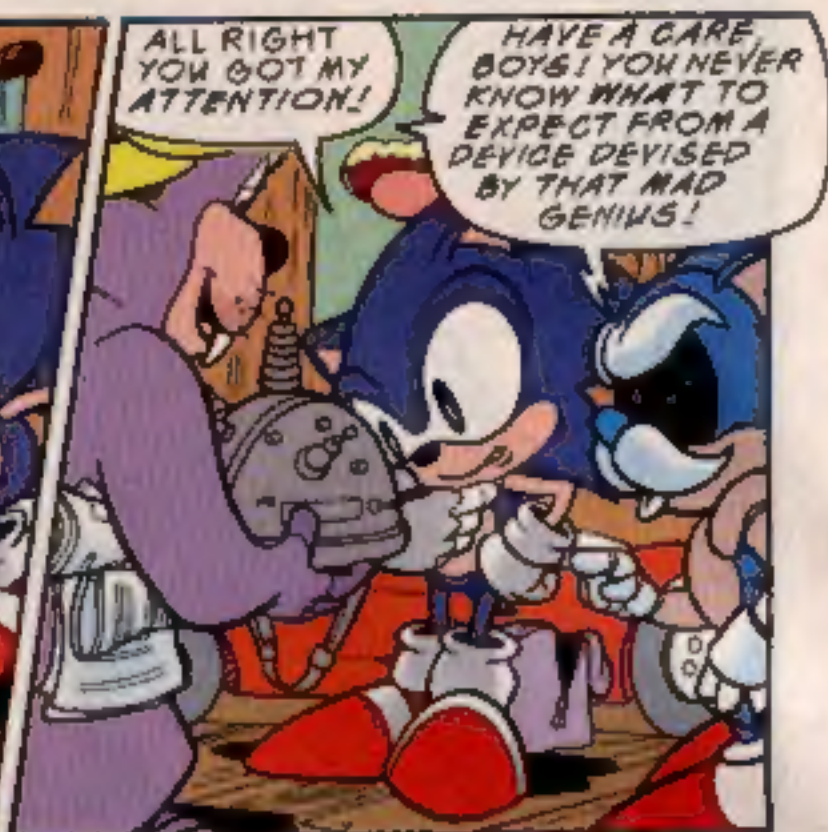
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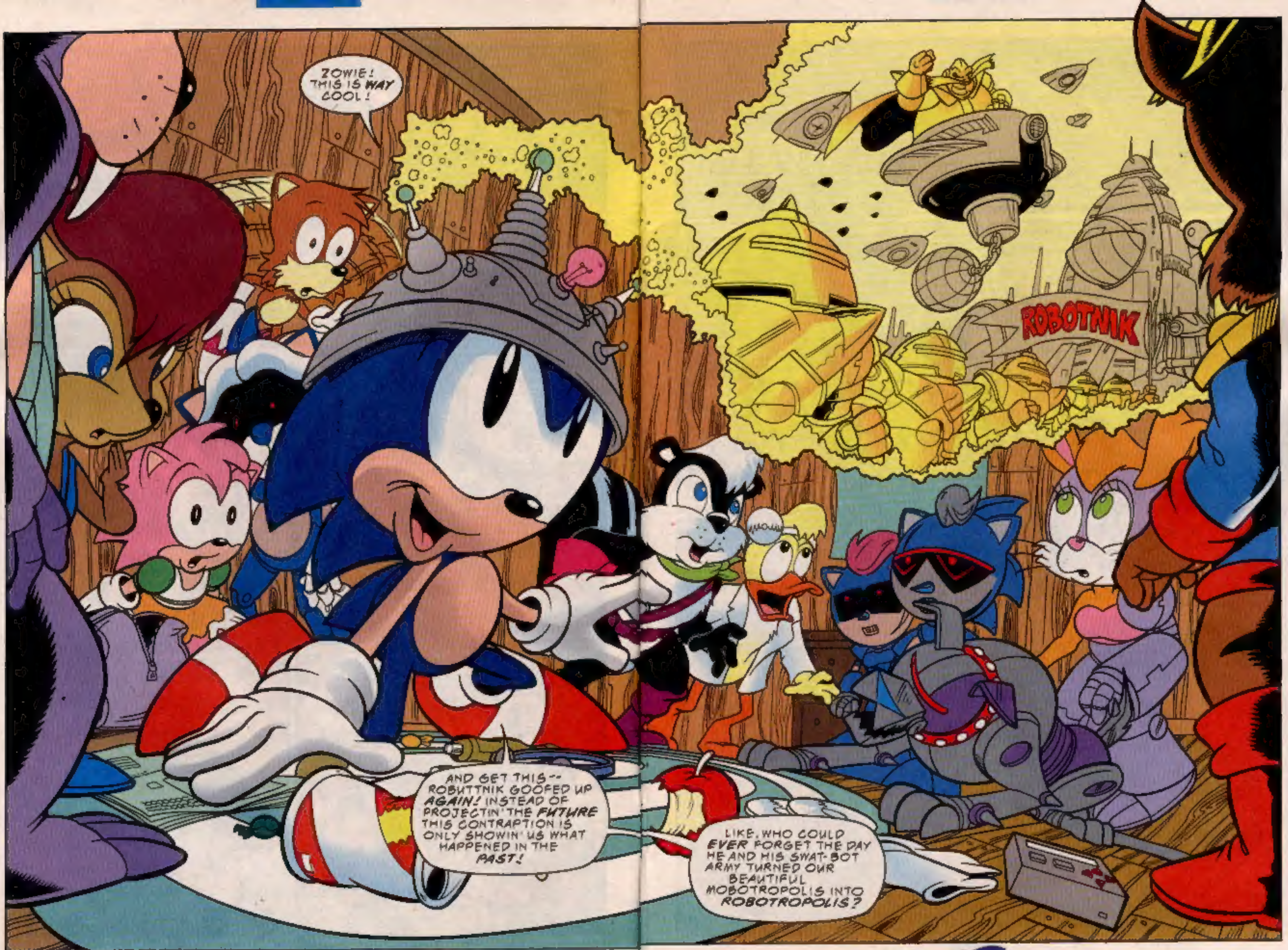
WE STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, SONIC! YOU AND TAILS ARE ACTUALLY LEAVING MOBOTROPOLIS TO FIND THE EVIL SORCERER! IT'S NAUUGHS!

FINDING HIM SHOULD BE A BREEZE, PRINCESS SALLY! KICKIN' HIS BUTT IS GONNA BE A LOT TOUGHER! IT'S HARD TO LAY A HAND ON A GUY WHO CASTS MAGICAL SPELLS FOR A LIVING!

THE LAST TIME HE TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM, HE TOOK POSSESSION OF YOUR FATHER KING ACORN AND NEARLY STARTED A CIVIL WAR! - THAT LOONEY ALMOST PUTS ROBOTNIK TO SHAME!

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ZOWIE!
THIS IS WAY
COOL!

AND GET THIS--
ROBOTNIK GOOFED UP
AGAIN! INSTEAD OF
PROJECTIN' THE FUTURE
THIS CONTRAPTION IS
ONLY SHOWIN' US WHAT
HAPPENED IN THE
PAST!

LIKE, WHO COULD
EVER FORGET THE DAY
HE AND HIS SWAT-BOT
ARMY TURNED OUR
BEAUTIFUL
MOBOTROPOLIS INTO
ROBOTROPOLIS?

" SOON, ROBOTNIK'S FACTORIES WERE COUGHING SO MUCH SMOG AND GRIT INTO THE SKY ABOVE THE CITY...

" ... EVEN THE CLOUDS WERE CHOKING ! BUT THE CLOUDS DIDN'T GET THE WORST OF IT !

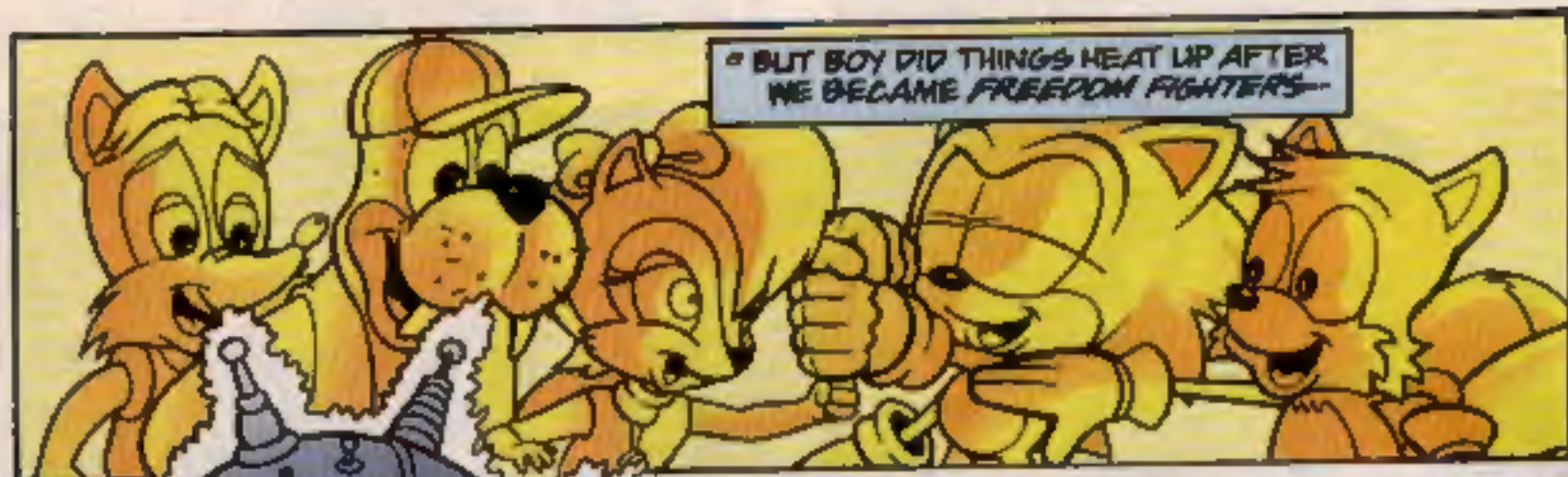
" ... WHO WERE ROUNDED UP AND FORCED TO ENTER THE DREADED ROBOTICIZER, A DEVICE THAT TURNED FLESH AND BLOOD MOBIANS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS FIT ONLY FOR TOILING IN ROBOTNIK'S SWEATSHOPS!

" THAT HONOR WAS RESERVED FOR CITIZENS LIKE MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MY DOG, MUTTSKI...

" THE PRINCESS SALLY AND ME MANAGED TO ESCAPE INTO THE GREAT FOREST JUST OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS!

" IT WAS THERE THAT A HANDFUL OF MOBIANS, WHO HADN'T BEEN ROBOTICIZED, SET UP A SECRET CAMP HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN ITS SHRUBBERY BY THE CLIFF-- KNOTHOLE VILLAGE ! BACK THEN, WE USED TO USE THE UNDERGROUND CAVERNS AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS HEADQUARTERS.

" WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAD BECOME OF SALLY'S DAD, THE KING ! WE ONLY KNEW THAT FOR NOW WE WERE SAFE."

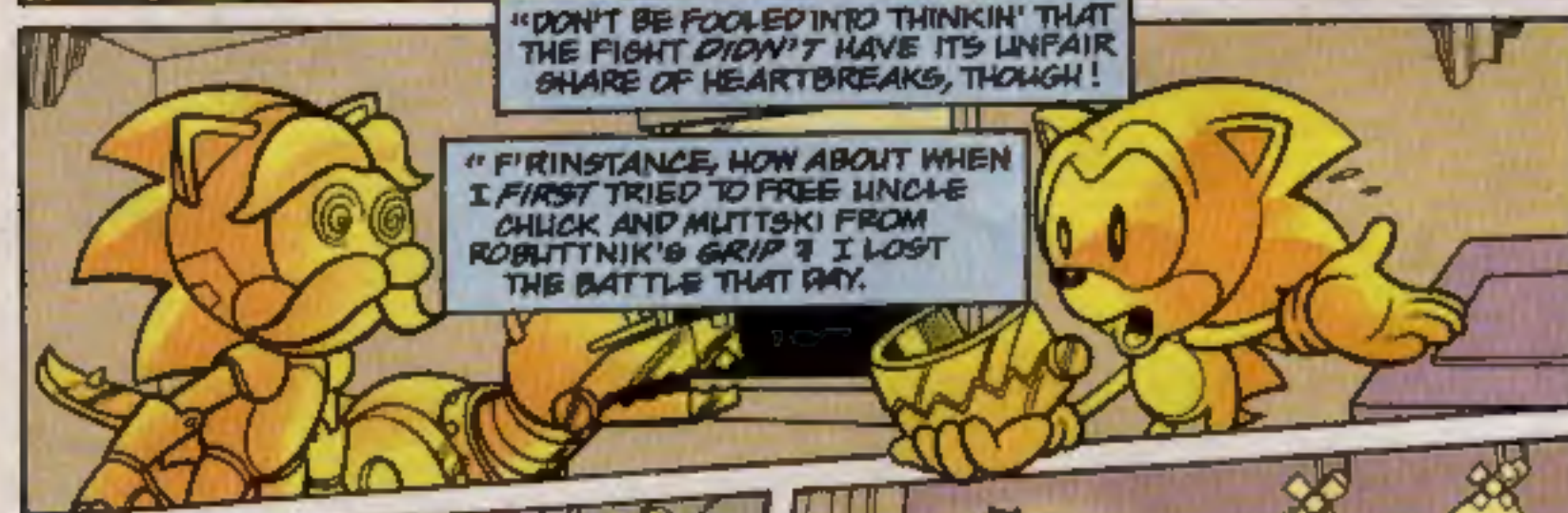


"BUT BOY DID THINGS HEAT UP AFTER WE BECAME FREEDOM FIGHTERS--



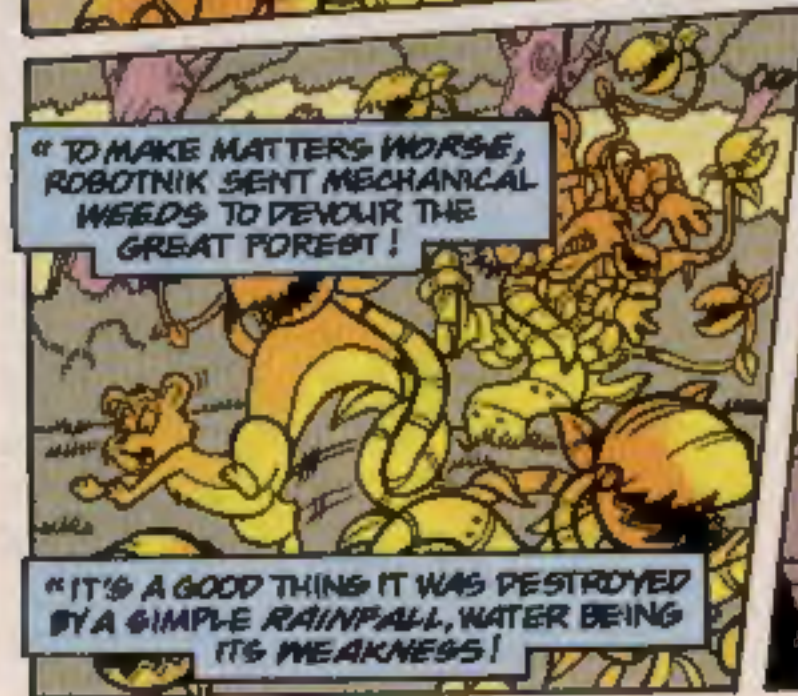
"--HEATED UP FOR ROBOTNIK, THAT IS!

"FIRST TAILS, ANTOINE, ROTOR AND ME MADE SURE THAT AN ATTEMPT TO ROBOTICIZE SALLY BECAME A NO-GO, AND THAT PRETTY MUCH KICKED OFF THE GRAND TRADITION OF MUCKIN' UP HIS OPERATIONS!



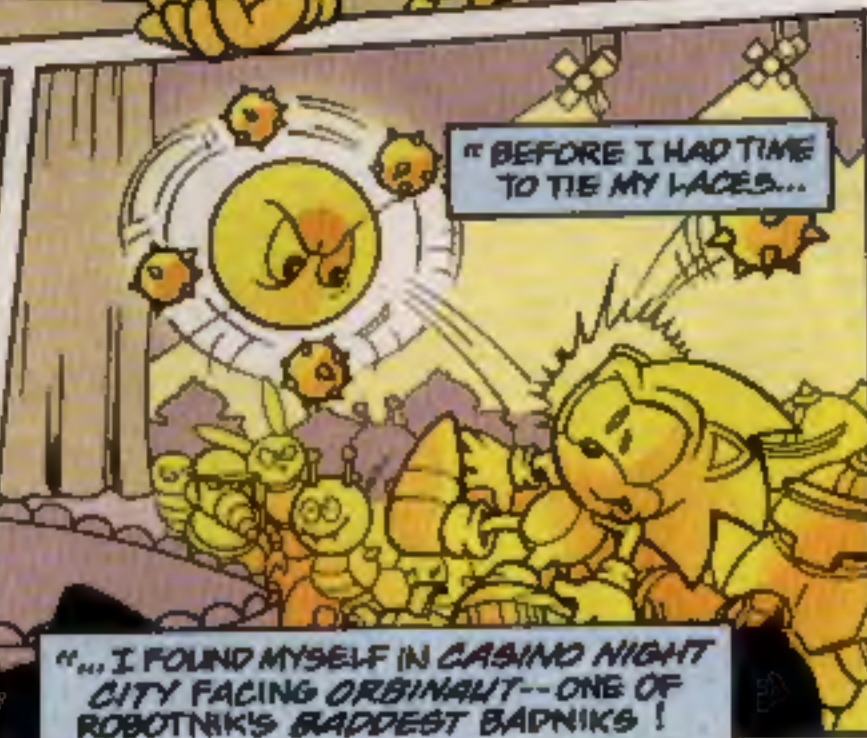
"DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKIN' THAT THE FIGHT DIDN'T HAVE ITS UNFAIR SHARE OF HEARTBREAKS, THOUGH!

"F'INSTANCE, HOW ABOUT WHEN I FIRST TRIED TO FREE UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI FROM ROBOTNIK'S GRIP? I LOST THE BATTLE THAT DAY.



"TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, ROBOTNIK SENT MECHANICAL WEEDS TO DEVOUR THE GREAT FOREST!

"IT'S A GOOD THING IT WAS DESTROYED BY A SIMPLE RAINFALL, WATER BEING ITS WEAKNESS!



"BEFORE I HAD TIME TO TIE MY LACES...

"...I FOUND MYSELF IN CASINO NIGHT CITY FACING ORBINALT--ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S BADDEST BADNIKS!

"NEXT, IT WAS THREE AGAINST ONE! ROBOTNIK'S IDEA OF A FAIR FIGHT! I WOULDN'T FORGET COCONUTS, SCRATCH, AND GROUNDER ANY TIME SOON!"

"THEN, A CLUSTER OF MAGIC RINGS TOOK ME TO THE UNKNOWN ZONE..."

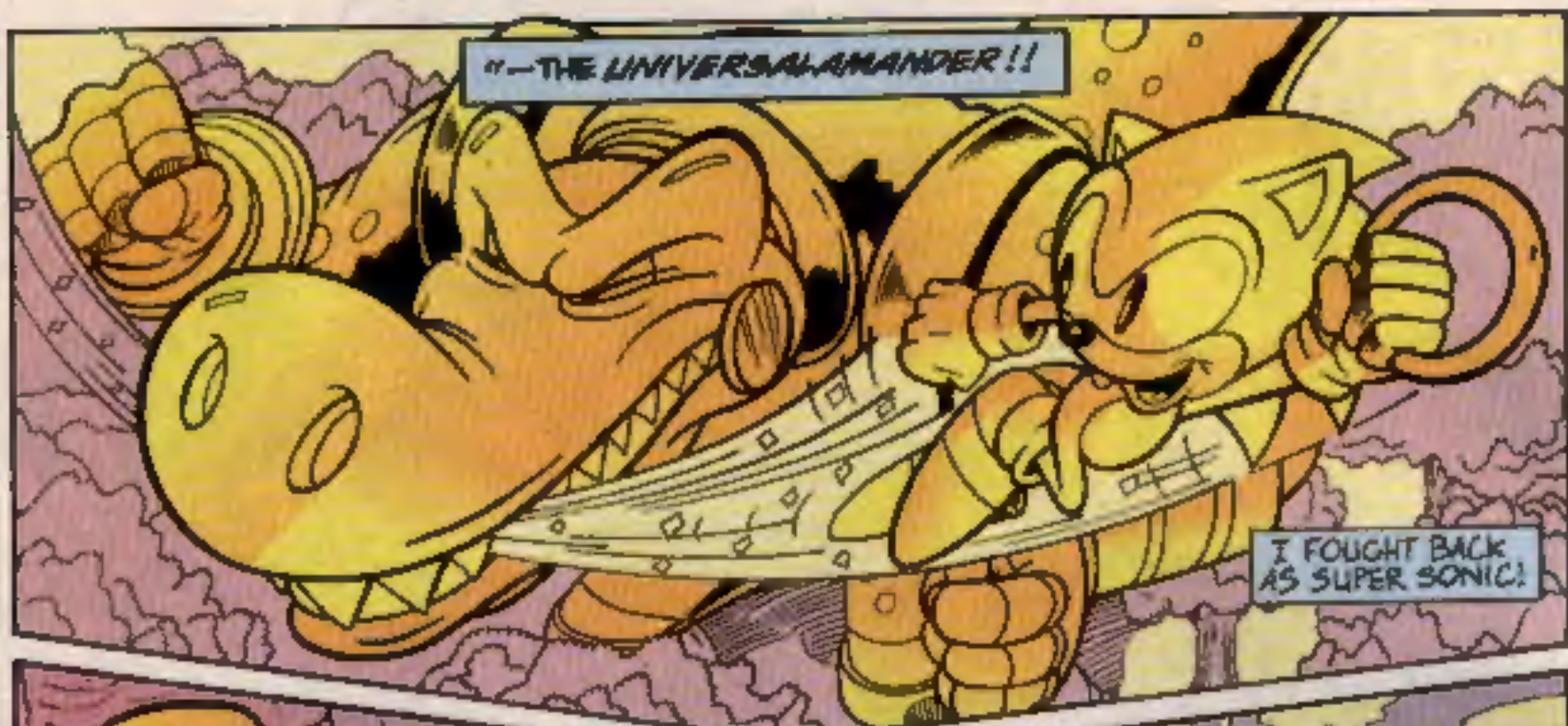
"...WHERE I MET NOT ONE, BUT TWO WEIRDOS--VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL!"

"I GOT HOME IN TIME TO BE A PART OF A CAPER THAT INVOLVED DISGUIISING ROTOR AS ROBOTNIK TO SABOTAGE A DEADLY BOMB!"

"ONE DAY, I BARELY STOPPED A COUPLE A SWAT-BOTS FROM ROBOTICIZING SOME GIRL!"

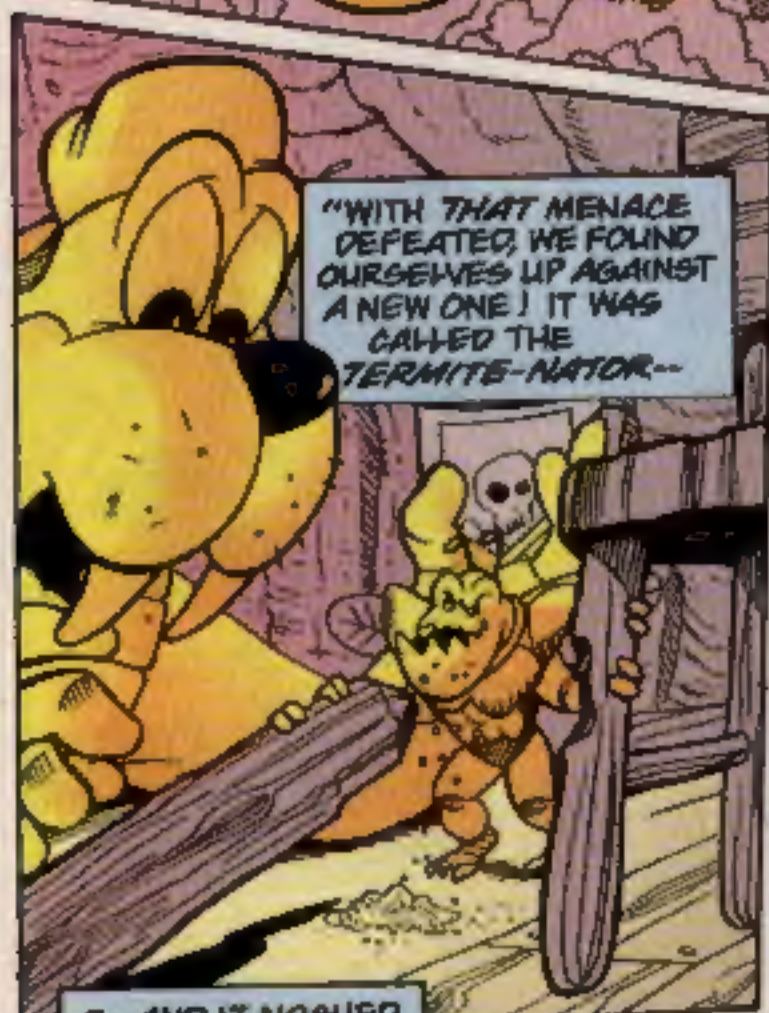
"THAT 'SOME GIRL' TURNED OUT TO BE BLUNNIE RABBIT! ALTHOUGH HER LEGS AND LEFT ARM WERE CHANGED, SHE STILL HAD HER FREE WILL. AND LIKE ANY WARM-BLOODED MOBIAN, SHE JOINED OUR CAUSE!"

"MAYBE ROBOTNIK GOT A LITTLE ANXIOUS! BECAUSE IN HIS NEXT, LATEST EFFORT TO RID MOBIUS OF YOURS TRULY, HE MUTATED A TINY AMPHIBIAN INTO A GIANT WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION--"



"--THE UNIVERSALMANDER!!

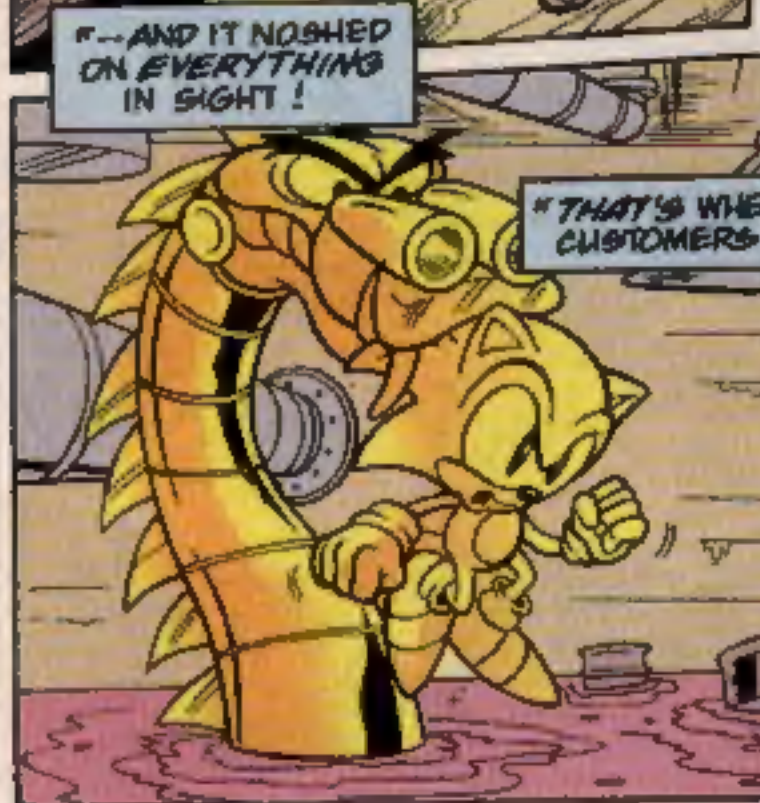
I FOUGHT BACK
AS SUPER SONIC!



"WITH THAT MENACE
DEFEATED, WE FOUND
OURSELVES UP AGAINST
A NEW ONE! IT WAS
CALLED THE
TERMITE-NATOR--

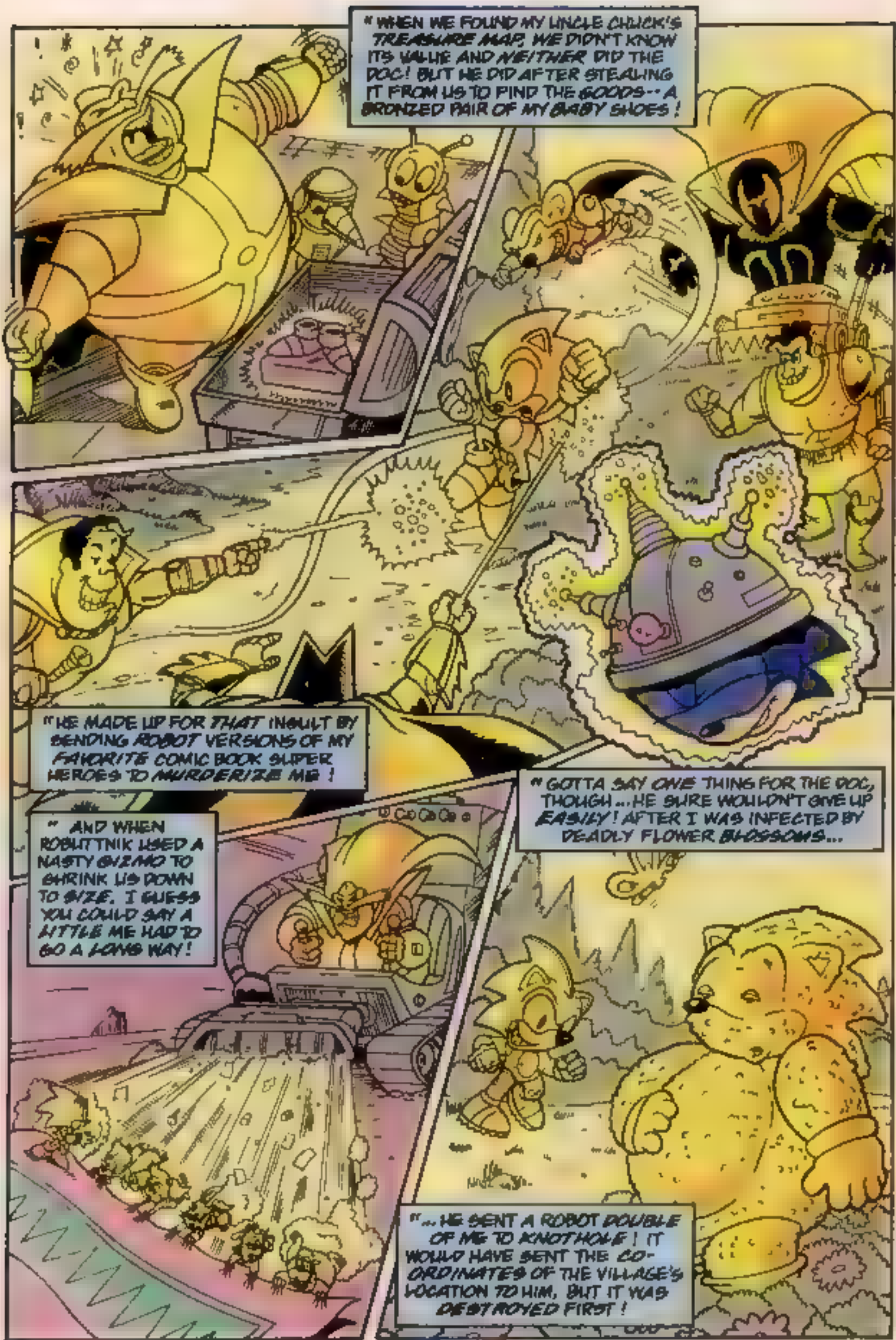


"DO YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMEMBER
OUR SURPRISE ATTACK ON ROBLITTNIK'S
FACTORY ATDP MOUNT MOBILIUS?



"--AND IT NOSHD
ON EVERYTHING
IN SIGHT!

"THAT'S WHERE I TUSSELED WITH TWO TOUGH
CUSTOMERS NAMED REXION AND SCORPION.



"WHEN WE FOUND MY UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE MAP, WE DIDN'T KNOW ITS VALUE AND NEITHER DID THE DOC! BUT HE DID AFTER STEALING IT FROM US TO FIND THE GOODS-- A BRONZED PAIR OF MY BABY SHOES!

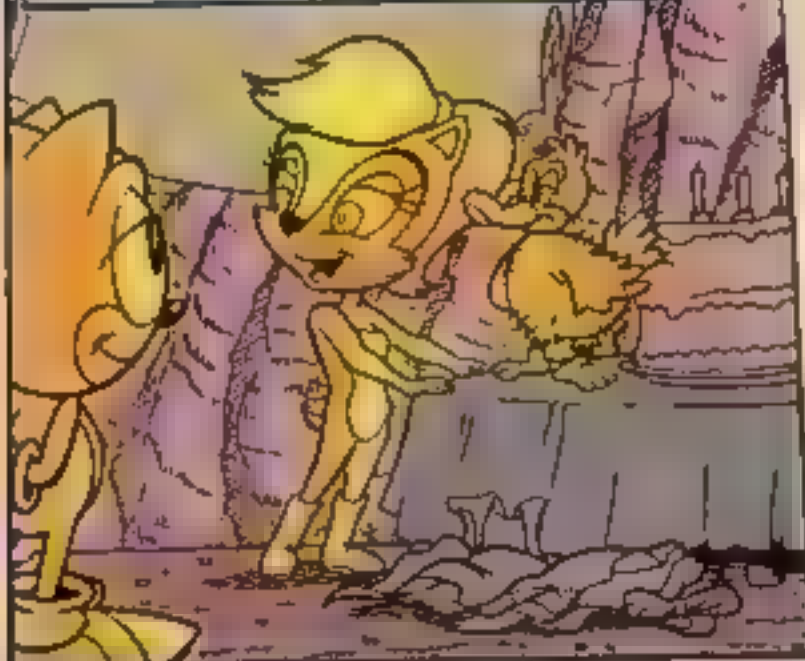
"HE MADE UP FOR THAT INSULT BY SENDING ROBOT VERSIONS OF MY FAVORITE COMIC BOOK SUPER HEROES TO MURDERIZE ME!

"AND WHEN ROBOTNIK USED A NASTY GIZMO TO SHRINK US DOWN TO SIZE, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY A LITTLE WE HAD TO GO A LONG WAY!

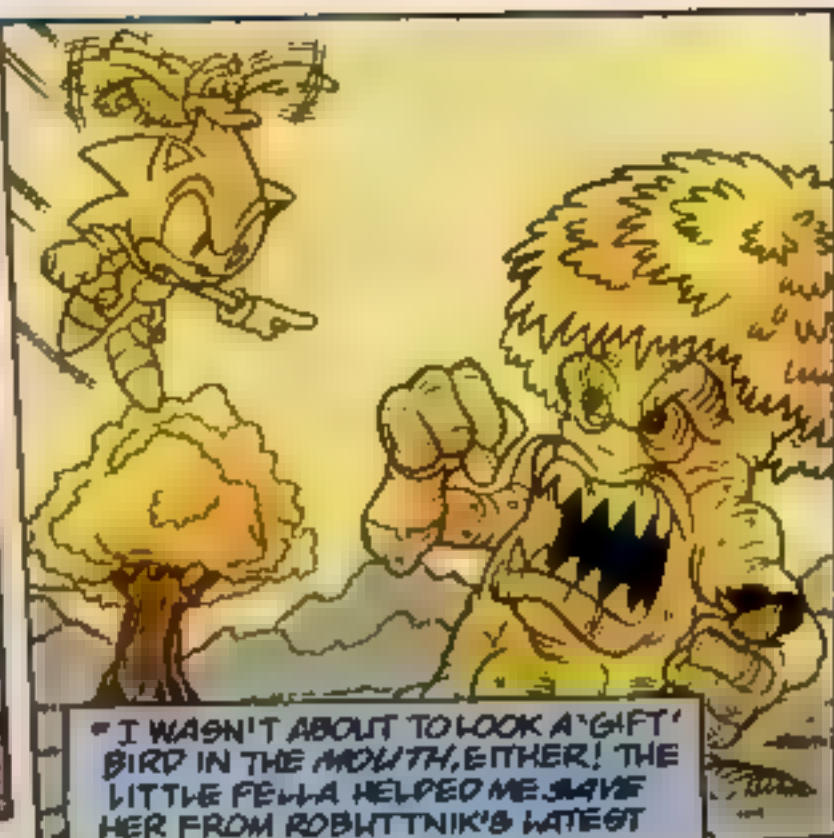
"GOTTA SAY ONE THING FOR THE DOC, THOUGH...HE SURE WOULDN'T GIVE UP EASILY! AFTER I WAS INFECTED BY DEADLY FLOWER BLOSSOMS...

"...HE SENT A ROBOT DOUBLE OF ME TO KNOTHOLE! IT WOULD HAVE SENT THE CO-ORDINATES OF THE VILLAGE'S LOCATION TO HIM, BUT IT WAS DESTROYED FIRST!

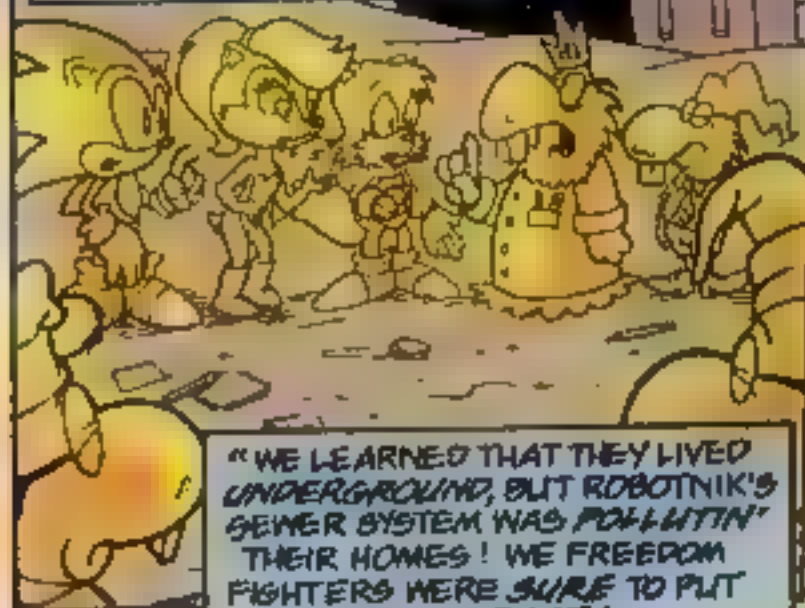
"HOLEY SOLES! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THAT NEEDLEBIRD I GAVE SALLY FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!"



"I WASN'T ABOUT TO LOOK A 'GIFT' BIRD IN THE MOUTH, EITHER! THE LITTLE FELLA HELPED ME SAVE HER FROM ROBOTNIK'S LATEST DEATH-TRAP!"

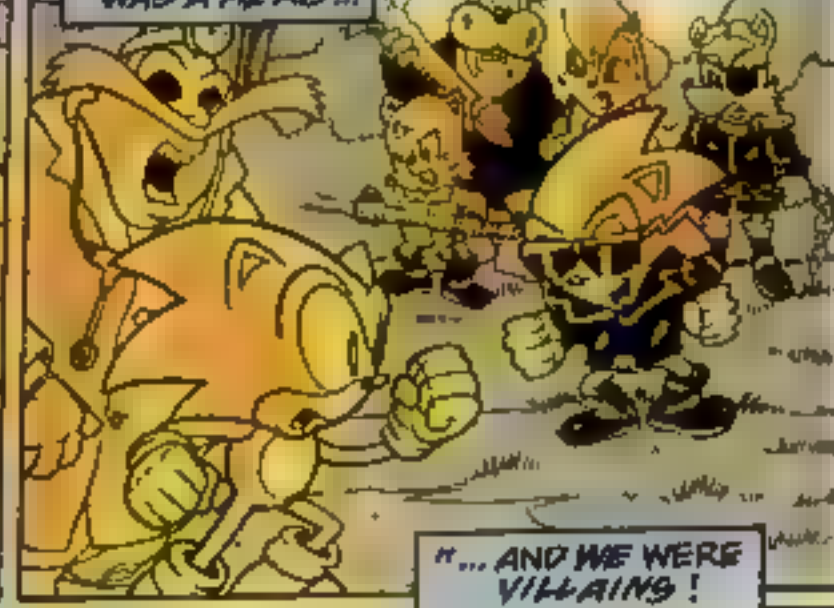


"NOT LONG AFTER THAT, WE MET THE STRANGEST MOBIANS OF THEM ALL-- THE NERBS!"



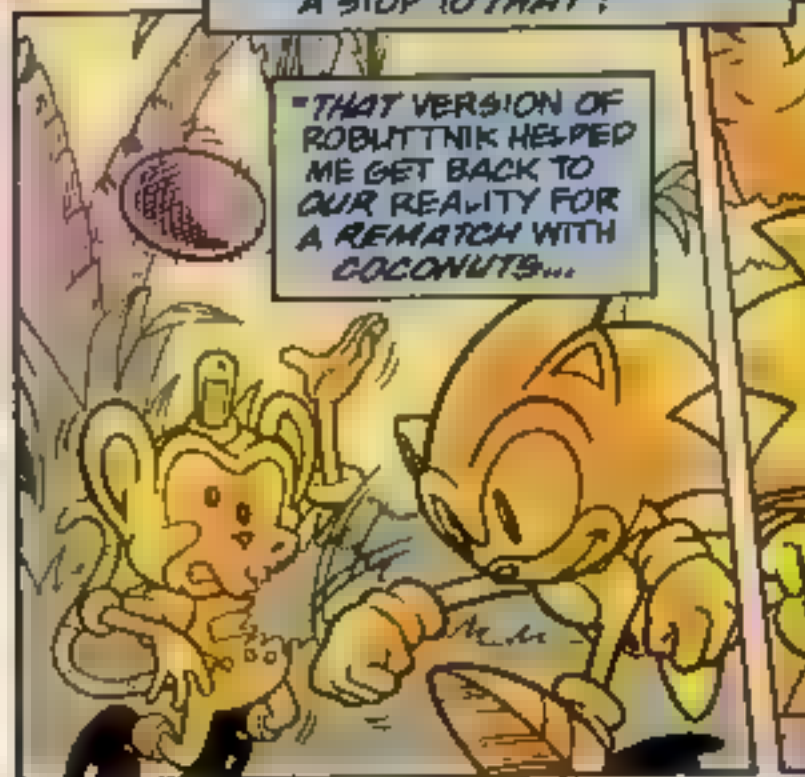
"WE LEARNED THAT THEY LIVED UNDERGROUND, BUT ROBOTNIK'S SEWER SYSTEM WAS POLLUTIN' THEIR HOMES! WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE SURE TO PUT A STOP TO THAT!"

"A TRIP INTO AN ALTERNATE REALITY ZONE PUT ME ON A MOBIUS WHERE ROBOTNIK WAS A HERO..."



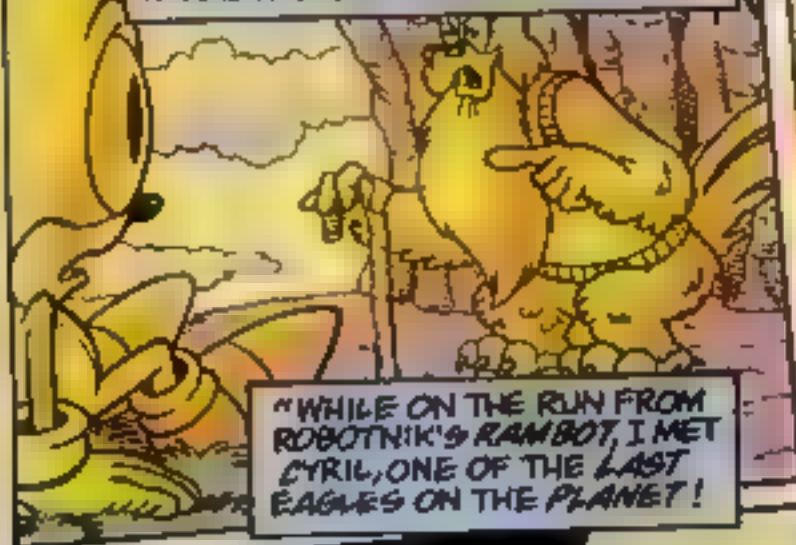
"... AND WE WERE VILLAINS!"

"THAT VERSION OF ROBOTNIK HELPED ME GET BACK TO OUR REALITY FOR A REMATCH WITH COCONUTS..."



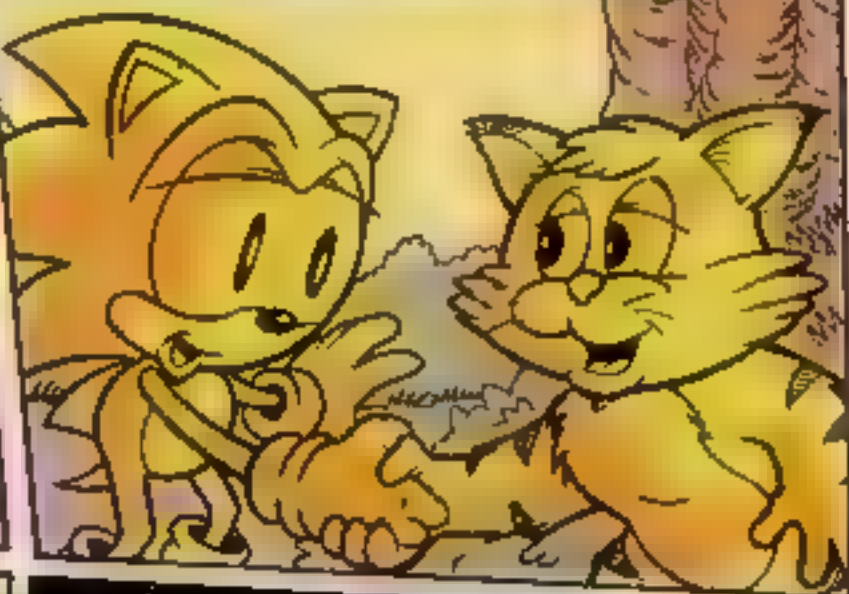
"...AND MY FIRST TASTE OF TIME TRAVEL! AND YOU THOUGHT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS WAS BAD!"

"IF NOT FOR SALLY AND THE CREW, I MIGHT'VE BEEN STUCK THERE FOREVER! ANYWAY, IT WAS BACK TO 'BOT-KICKIN'...ONLY THAT TIME IT WAS MY BUTT BEIN' KICKED!"

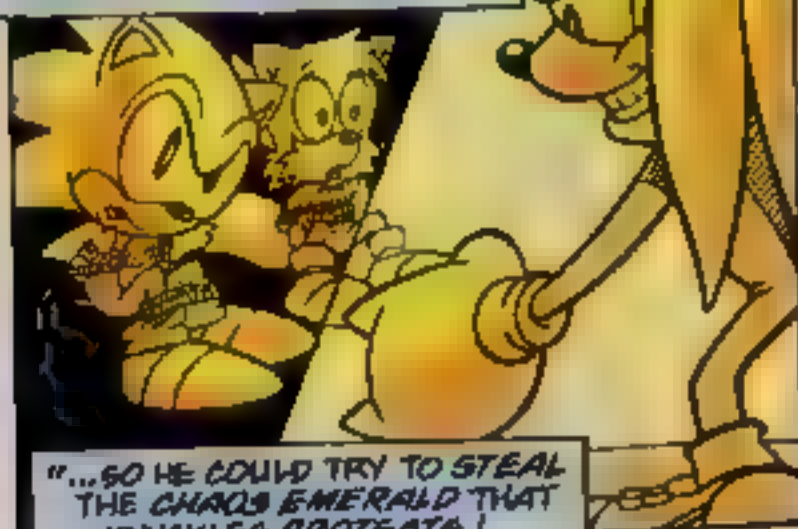


"WHILE ON THE RUN FROM ROBOTNIK'S RAMBOT, I MET CYRIL, ONE OF THE LAST EAGLES ON THE PLANET!"

"THEN I MET THE COOLEST CAT EVER! LARRY LYNX--SUPERJINX!"

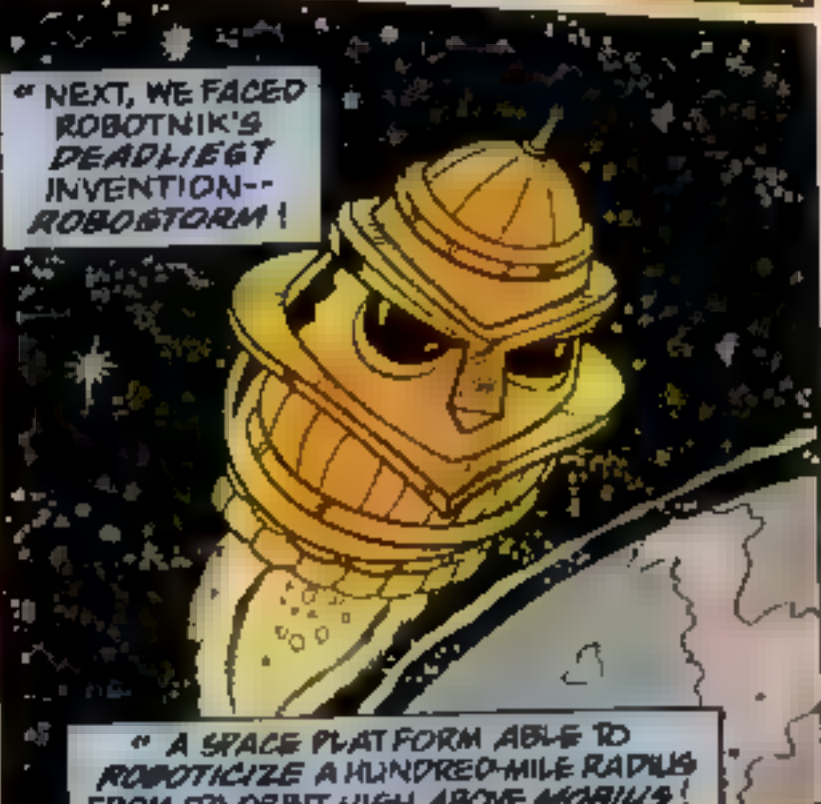


"AND WHO COULD FORGET THE FIRST TIME I MET KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA? TAILS AND I WENT TO HIS FLOATING ISLAND IN THE SKY ON THE TRAIL OF ROBOTNIK'S HOVER-CRAFT! ROBOTNIK DUPED HIM INTO FIGHTING US..."



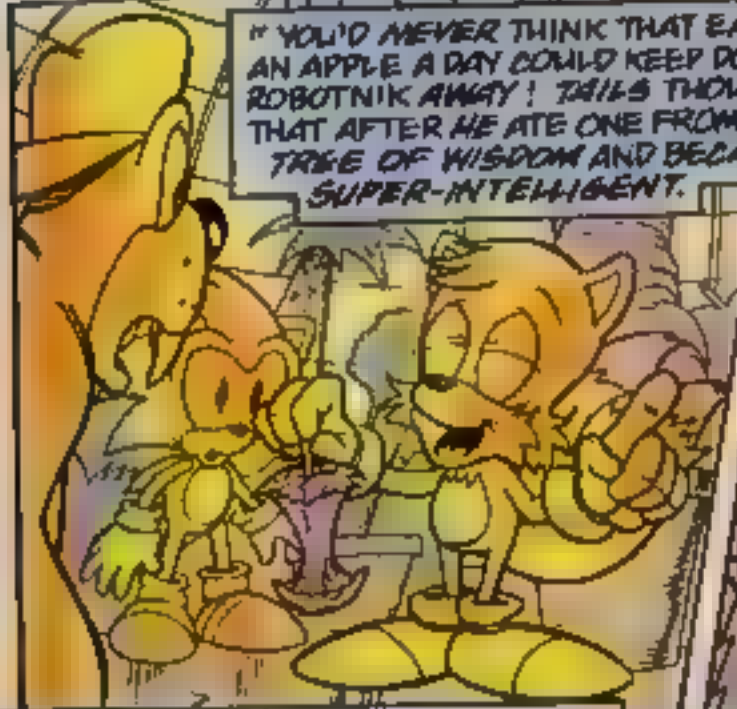
"...SO HE COULD TRY TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALD THAT KNUCKLES PROTECTS!"

"NEXT, WE FACED ROBOTNIK'S DEADLIEST INVENTION--ROBOSTORM!"

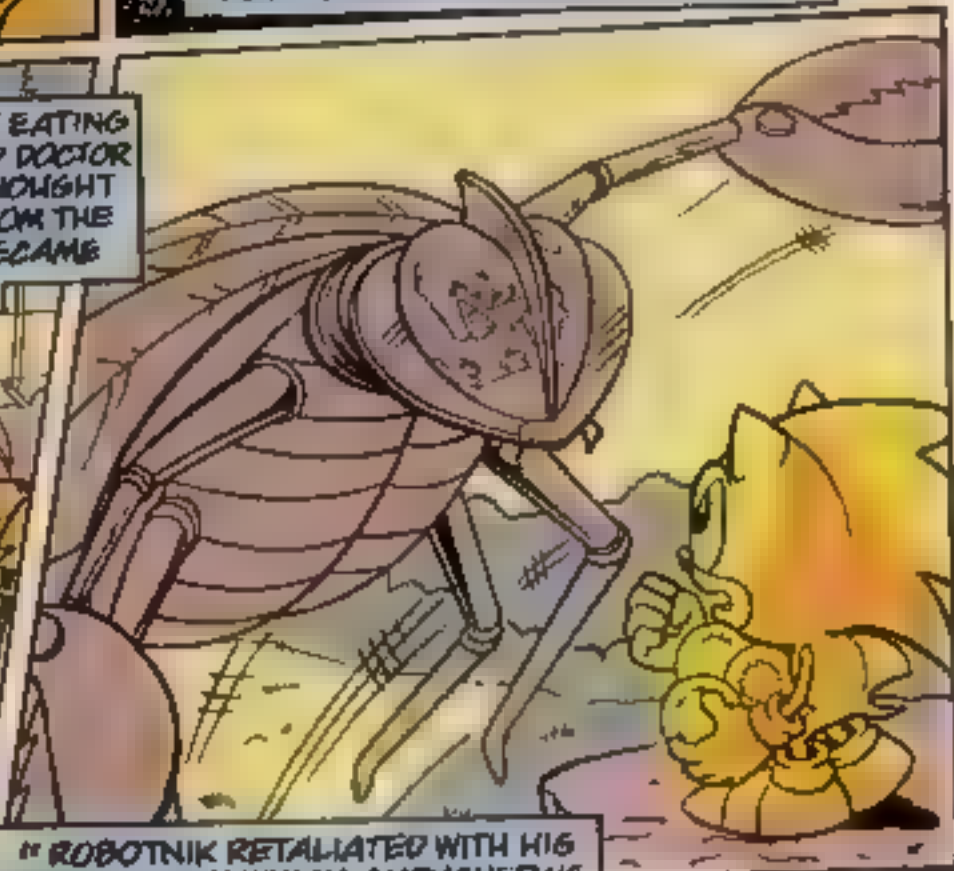


"A SPACE PLATFORM ABLE TO ROBOTICIZE A HUNDRED-MILE RADIUS FROM ITS ORBIT HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS!"

"YOU'D NEVER THINK THAT EATING AN APPLE A DAY COULD KEEP DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AWAY! TAILS THOUGHT THAT AFTER HE ATE ONE FROM THE TREE OF WISDOM AND BECAME SUPER-INTELLIGENT."



"HE TRIED TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK ON HIS OWN, BUT LUCKILY THE EFFECTS OF THE FRUIT WORE OFF AND HE CAME TO HIS SENSES!"



"ROBOTNIK RETALIATED WITH HIS 'BEETLEBOT' WHICH AMBUSHED US IN THE MOBLAN BADLANDS!"

"AFTER THE DOC
FIGURED ON
CAPTURING
BUNNIE
WITH HIS
SO-CALLED
'MAGNABOT'...

"IT TOOK SOME QUICK
THINKIN' TO REDIRECT
THAT HEAP RIGHT
BACK AT HIS BASE!

"SOON AFTER, ROBOTNIK HAD THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS RIGHT WHERE
HE WANTED--UNWITTINGLY SPENDING
THE REST OF OUR LIVES STUCK IN A
VIRTUAL REALITY SIMULATOR!

"I FIGURED OUT HIS
SCHEME IN TIME TO
WAKE UP, PROVING THAT
ROBOTNIK COULDN'T
BEAT ME IN HIS SLEEP
IF HE TRIED!

"KING GONG--

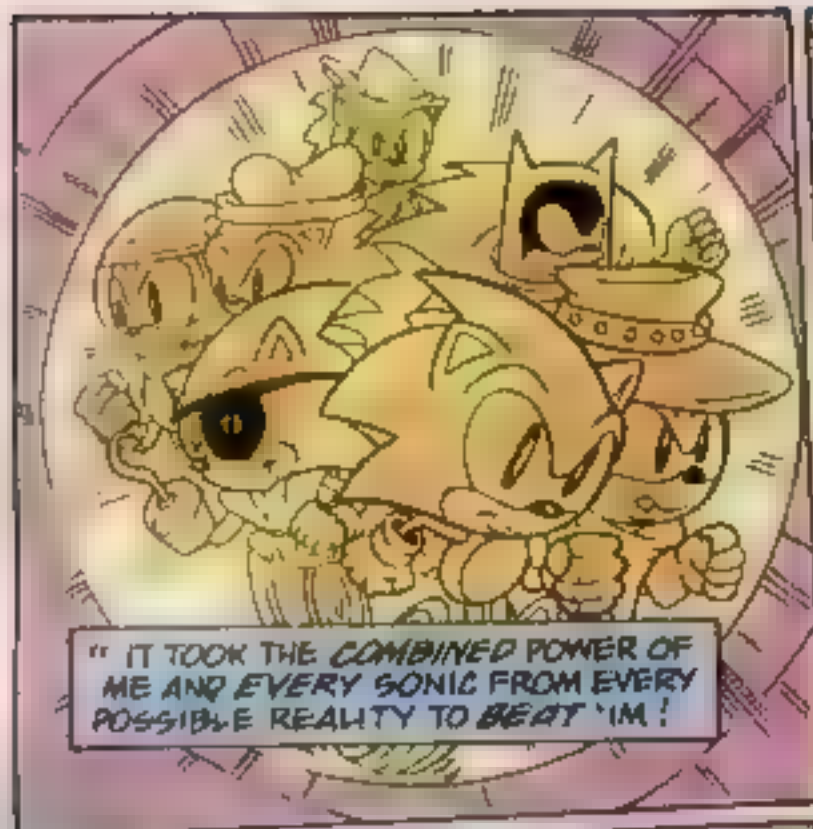
"--A GIANT ROBOT APE WITH
A REAL MAD-ON FOR
HEDGEHOGS WAS ANOTHER
STORY ENTIRELY!

"NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE: AN AMBUSH--
SNAT-BOT STYLE--AFTER ROBOTNIK MISROOK
GALLY AND MY STAGE PERFORMANCE FOR
HONEST-TO-REAL WEDDING VOWS!

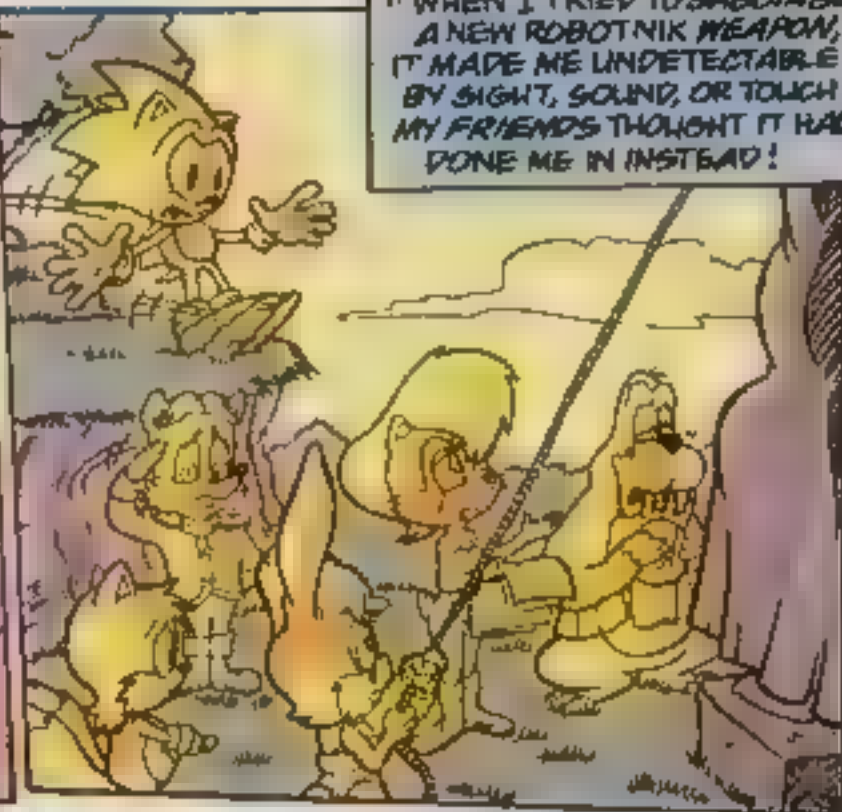
"WHEN A
FALLEN
METEORITE
REVEALED
THAT IT
WAS
REALLY A
THINKING
COMPUTER
NAMED
NICOLE.

"..IT MEANT ANOTHER DANGEROUS
QUEST INTO THE BADLANDS FOR
GALLY AND THE REST OF US!

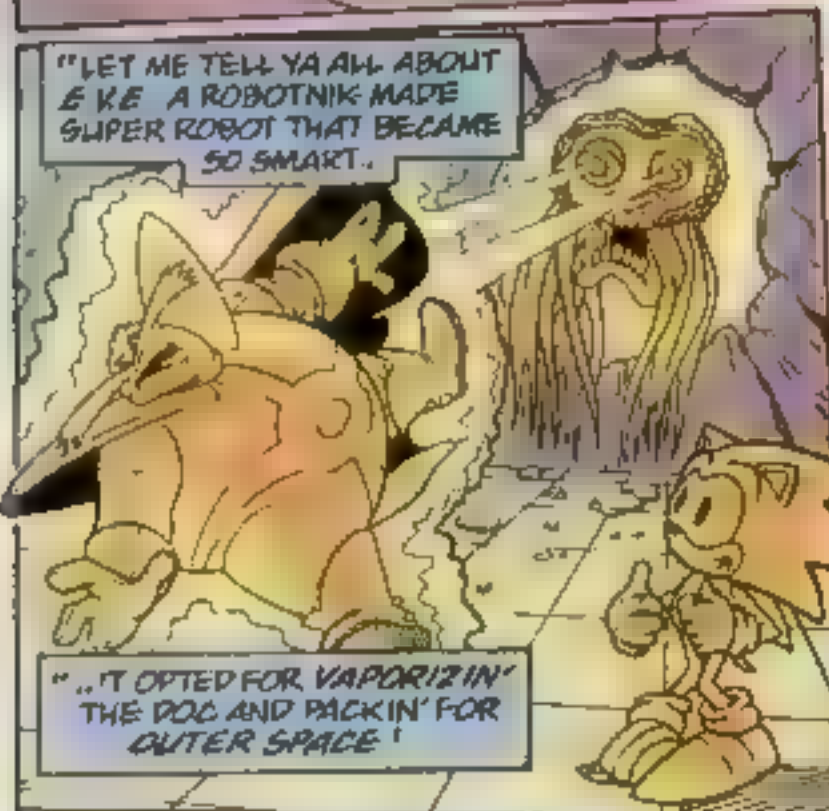
"AND IF FIGHTING ROBOTNIK
ALL THE TIME WASN'T BAD
ENOUGH, I ALSO HAD TO
FIGHT A ROBOTICIZED VERSION
OF HIM FROM AN ALTERNATE
TIMELINE--ROBOROBOTNIK
AND HIS GIANT BORG!



"IT TOOK THE COMBINED POWER OF ME AND EVERY SONIC FROM EVERY POSSIBLE REALITY TO BEAT 'IM!"



"WHEN I TRIED TO SABOTAGE A NEW ROBOTNIK WEAPON, IT MADE ME UNDETECTABLE BY SIGHT, SOUND, OR TOUCH! MY FRIENDS THOUGHT IT HAD DONE ME IN INSTEAD!"



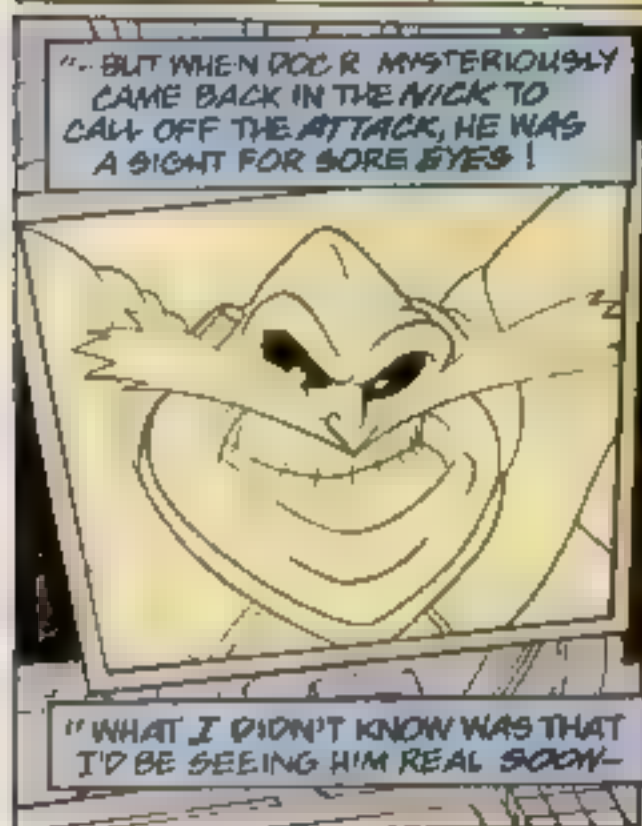
"LET ME TELL YA ALL ABOUT E K E A ROBOTNIK MADE SUPER ROBOT THAT BECAME SO SMART..

"..T OPTED FOR VAPORIZIN' THE DOC AND PACKIN' FOR OUTER SPACE!"



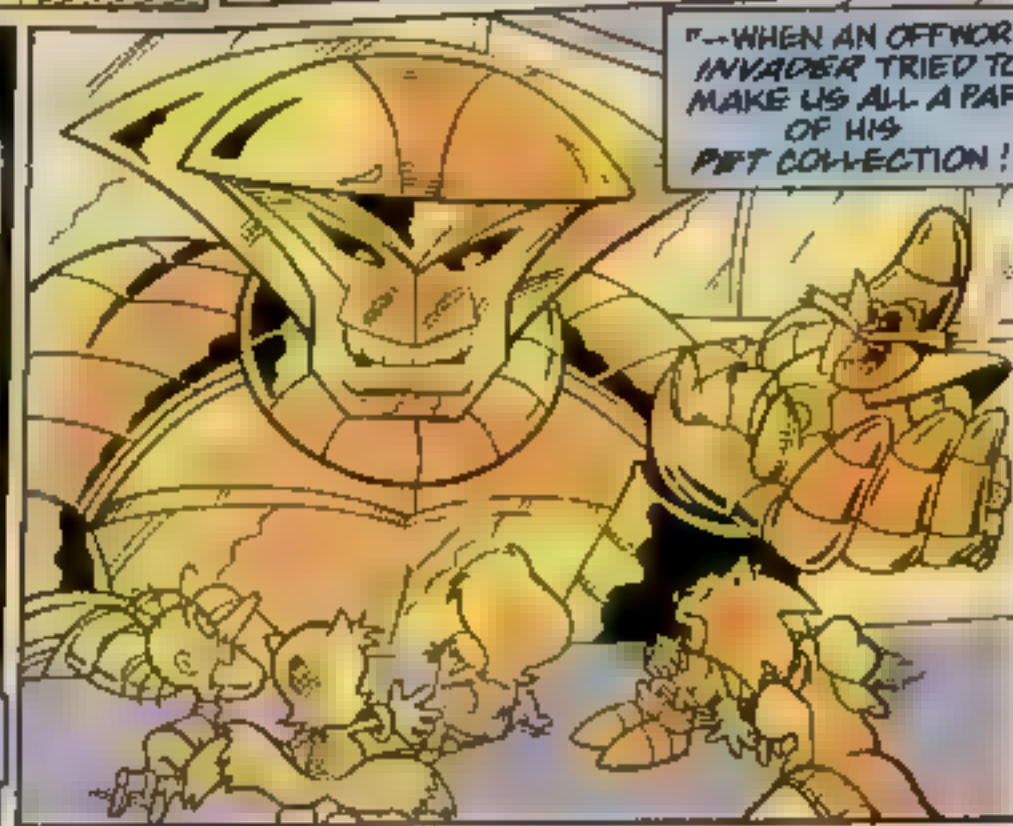
"WITH ROBOTN K NOW HISTORY, HIS ROBOT FORCES RAN WILD, FOLLOWING A FAIL-SAFE HE HAD PLANNED IN CASE HE CROAKED!"

"HATE TO SAY IT--



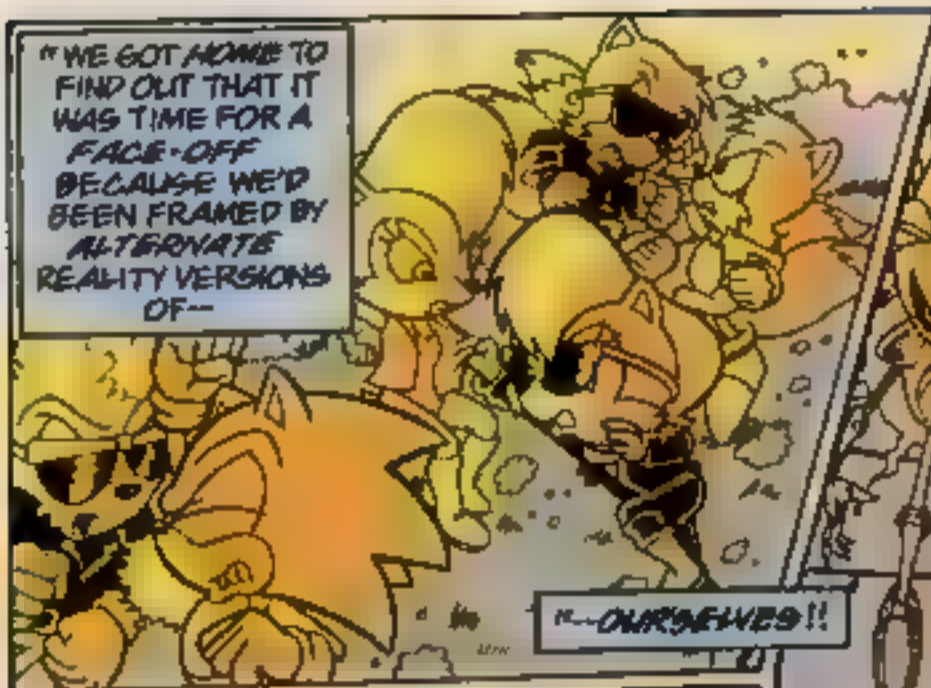
"..BUT WHEN DOC R MYSTERIOUSLY CAME BACK IN THE NICK TO CALL OFF THE ATTACK, HE WAS A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!"

"WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT I'D BE SEEING HIM REAL SOON--



"--WHEN AN OFFWORLD INVADER TRIED TO MAKE US ALL A PART OF HIS PET COLLECTION!"

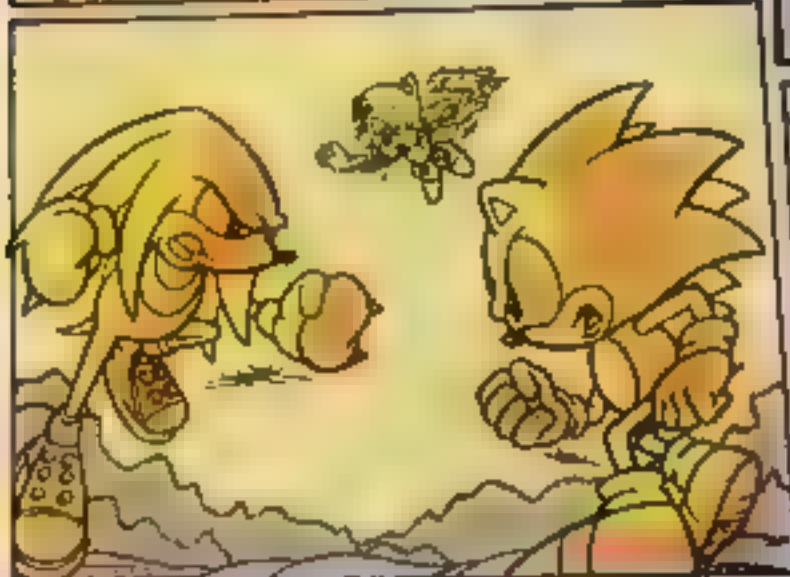
"WE GOT HOME TO FIND OUT THAT IT WAS TIME FOR A FACE-OFF BECAUSE WE'D BEEN FRAMED BY ALTERNATE REALITY VERSIONS OF--



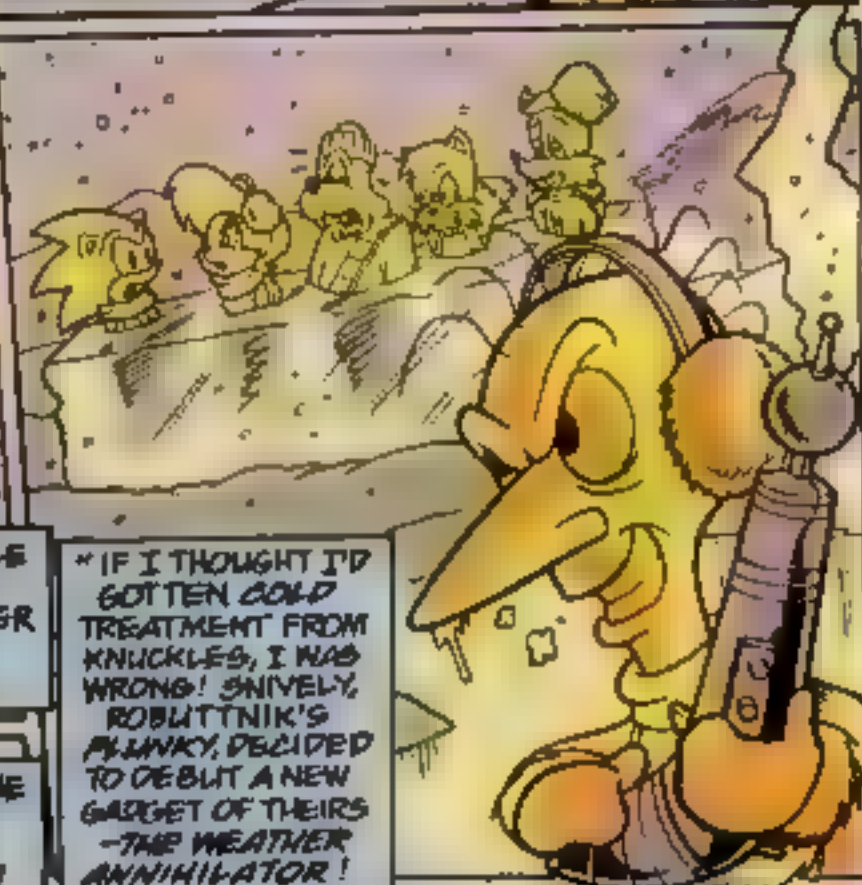
"--OURSELVES!!

"ROBOTNIK TRIED AGAIN WITH MECHA SONIC--

"--A ROBO-ME THAT ONLY PROVED THERE AIN'T NUTHIN' LIKE THE REAL THING!



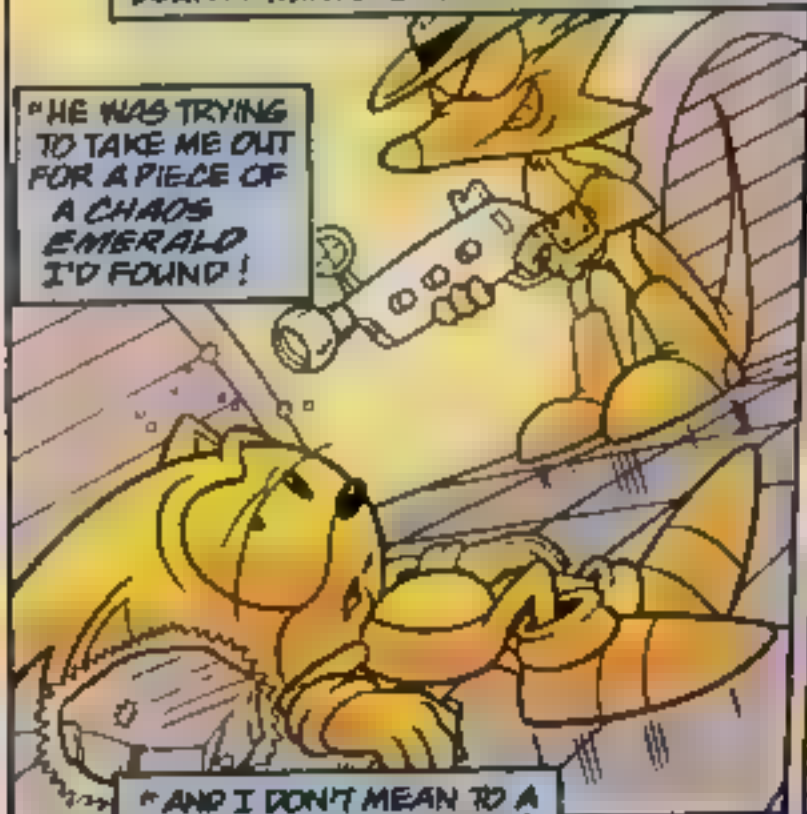
"WITH THE SURVIVAL OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IN DOUBT, I HAD TO VISIT KNUCKLES' FLOATING ISLE IN ORDER TO SAVE IT! KNUX WASN'T TOO ECSTATIC TO SEE ME, THOUGH.



"IF I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN COLD TREATMENT FROM KNUCKLES, I WAS WRONG! SNIVELY, ROBOTNIK'S PLUNKY, DECIDED TO DEBUT A NEW GADGET OF THEIRS--THE WEATHER ANNIHILATOR!

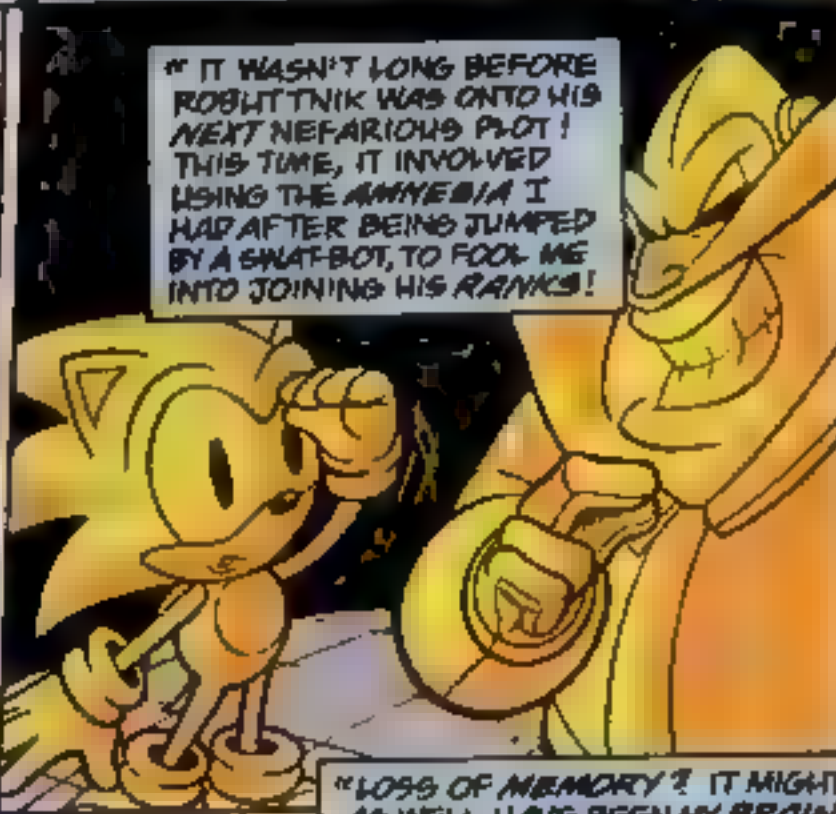
"AFTER THAT, I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE HINT AND TAKEN A VACATION! NO SUCH LUCK WITH ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S HIRED BOUNTY HUNTERS--MICK THE WEASEL!

"HE WAS TRYING TO TAKE ME OUT FOR A PIECE OF A CHAOS EMERALD I'D FOUND!



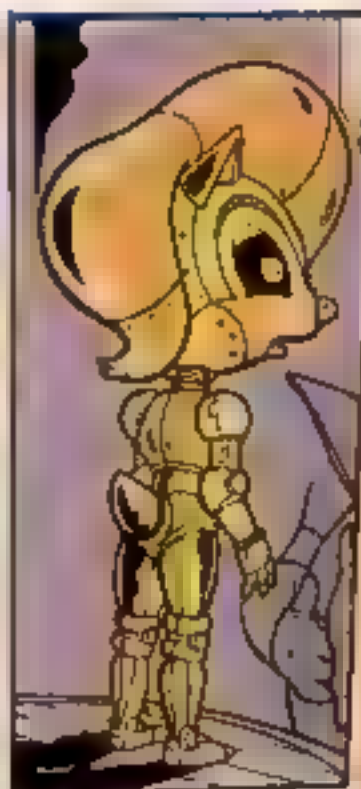
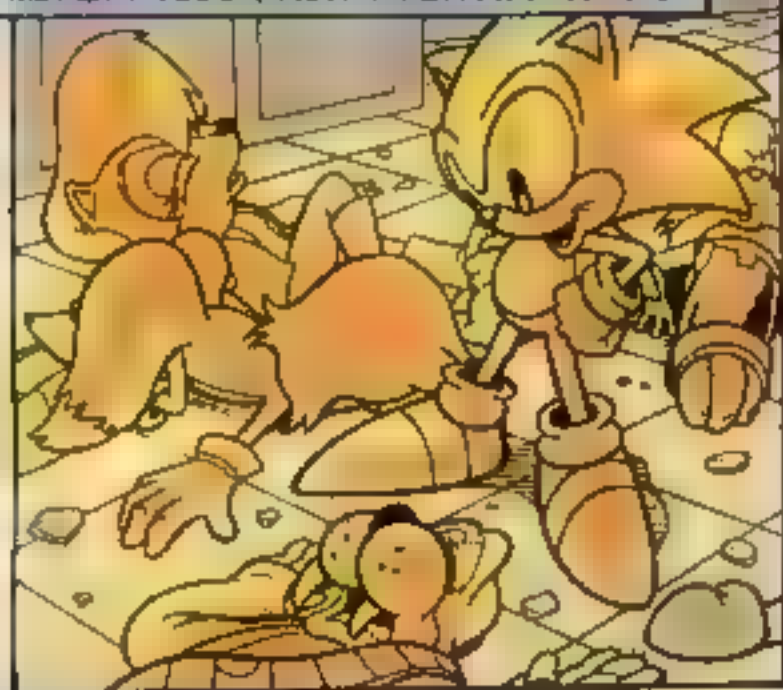
"AND I DON'T MEAN TO A NICE DINNER, EITHER!

"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE ROBOTNIK WAS ONTO HIS NEXT NEFARIOUS PLOT! THIS TIME, IT INVOLVED USING THE AMNESIA I HAD AFTER BEING JUMPED BY A SHOT-BOT, TO FOOL ME INTO JOINING HIS RANKS!



"LOSS OF MEMORY? IT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN MY BRAIN..

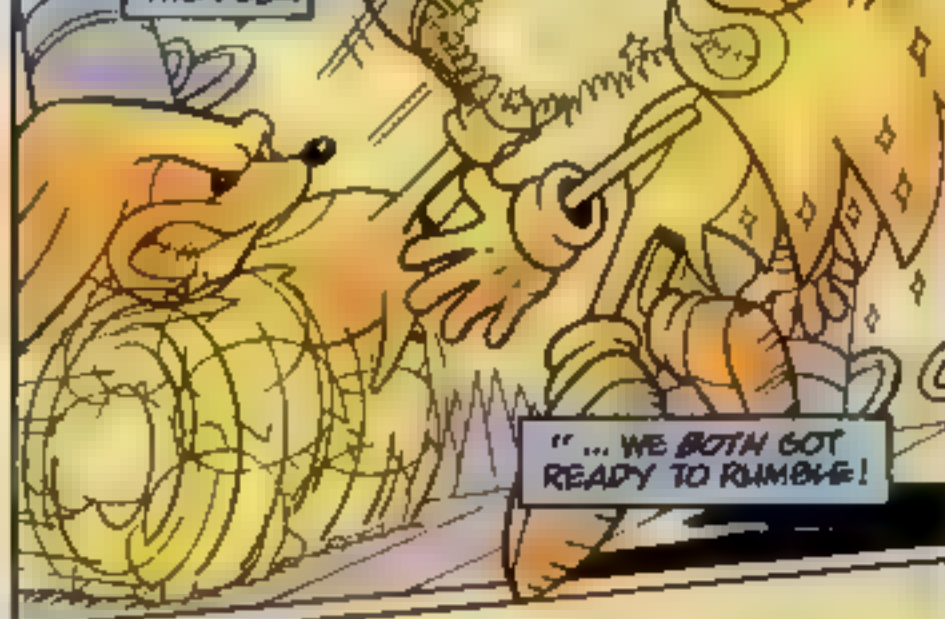
"... BECAUSE HE'D TURNED ME AGAINST MY CLOSEST FRIENDS! GOOD THING MY MEMORY LOSS WASN'T FOR ALL TIME!



"IT SURE LOOKED THAT WAY FOR SALLY AFTER SHE WAS TEMPORARILY ROBOTICIZED!

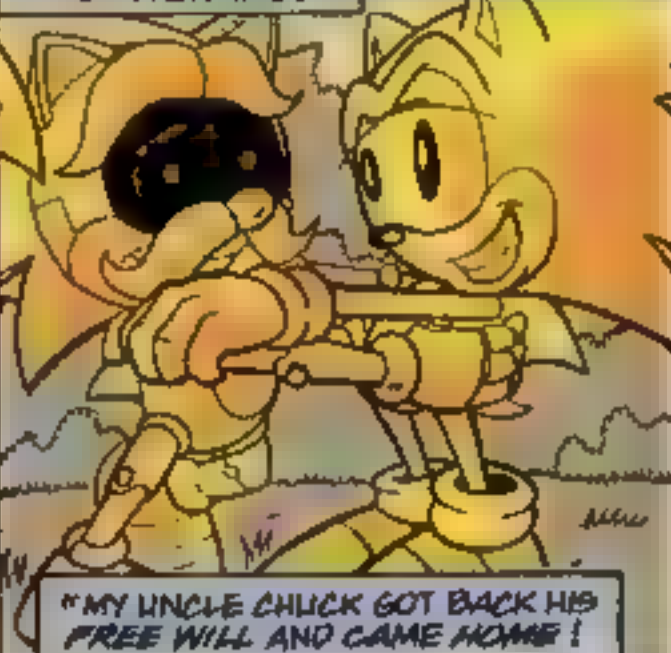


"WHEN I MISTAKENLY THOUGHT KNUCKLES HAD SOLD US OUT TO THE DOC...



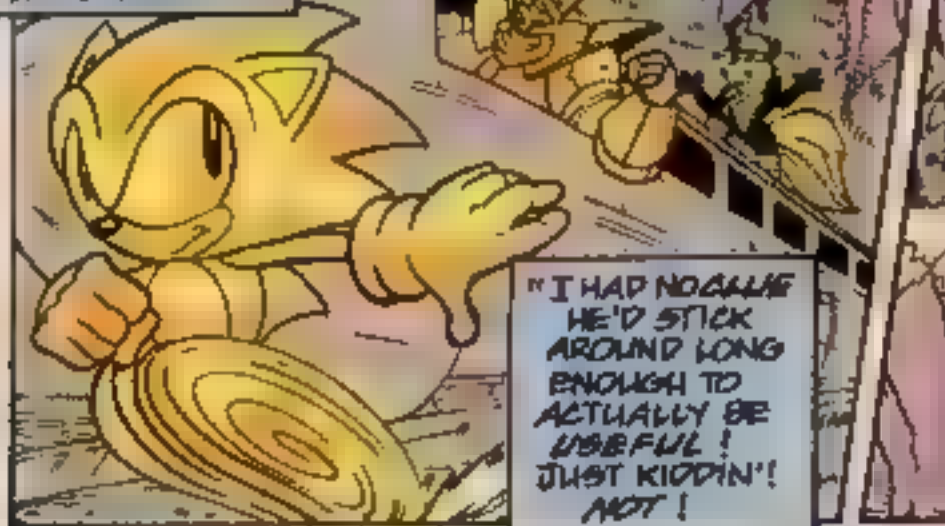
"... WE BOTH GOT READY TO RUMBLE!

"THE NEXT TIME ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S DUMB EXPERIMENTS WENT WRONG, SOMETHING GOOD ACTUALLY HAPPENED FOR A CHANGE!



"MY UNCLE CHUCK GOT BACK HIS FREE WILL AND CAME HOME!

"HOW ABOUT GEOFFREY ST JOHN? WHEN HE AND I FIRST TEAMED UP TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S DYNAMIC-3000 ULTRA-ANDROID...



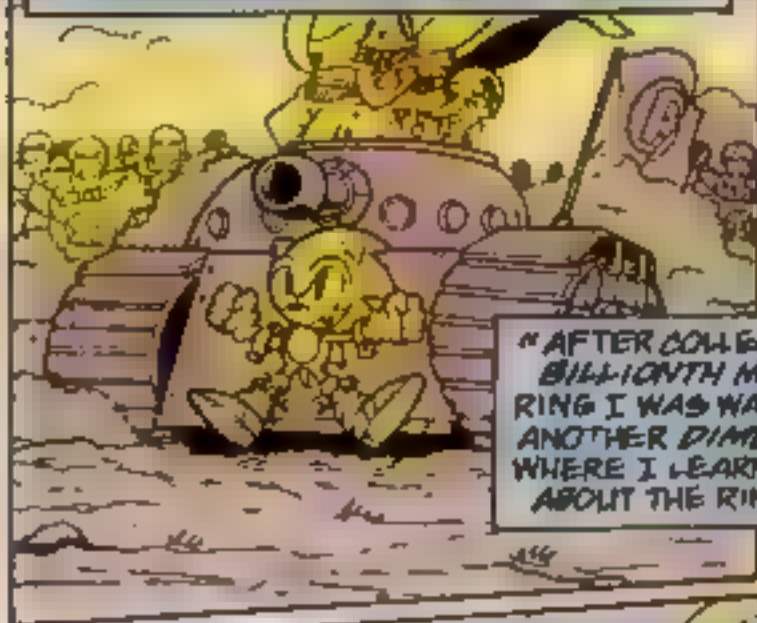
"I HAD NO CLUE HE'D STICK AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY BE USEFUL! JUST KIDDIN'! NOT!

"A HEDGEHOG'S BEST FRIEND ALMOST BECAME THE OPPOSITE WHEN MITTSKI, STILL 'BOTICIZED, LED A SWAT-BOT TEAM TO ME. LUCKY WE WERE ABLE TO UNDO MY POOCH'S PROGRAMMING!



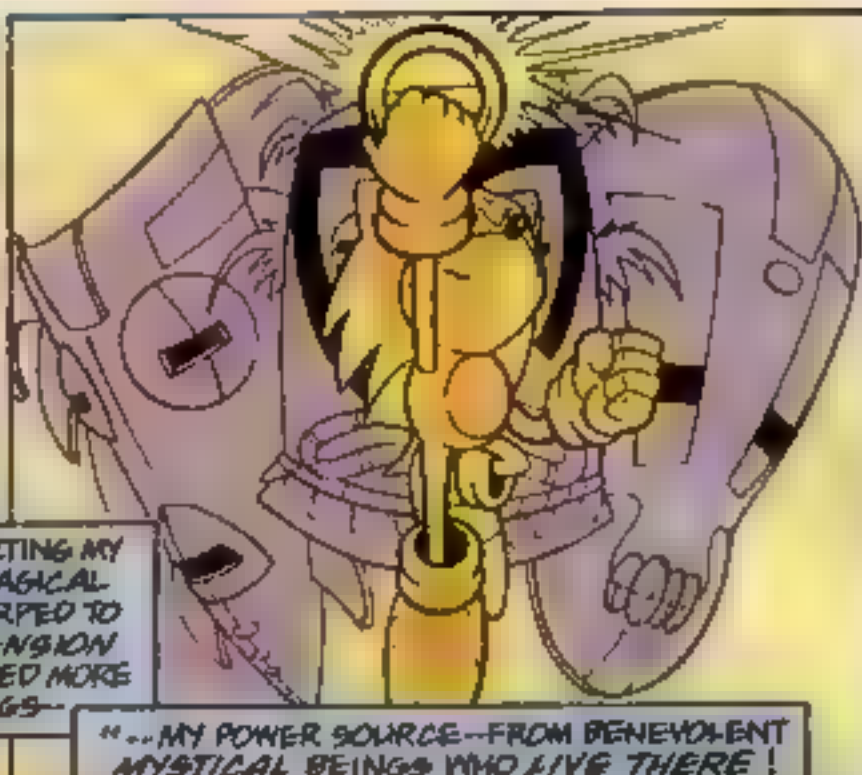
"WE MET ANOTHER FRIEND ALONG THE WAY-- MOBBIE, THE CAVE BEAR!

"ROBOTNIK, WITH HIS NEWEST WAVE OF 'BOTS--CALLED COMBOTS (CUTE, HUH?) TRIED TO ICE ME AND THE GREAT FOREST BOTH! SOME WOULD-BE-WORLD CONQUERORS NEVER LEARN!



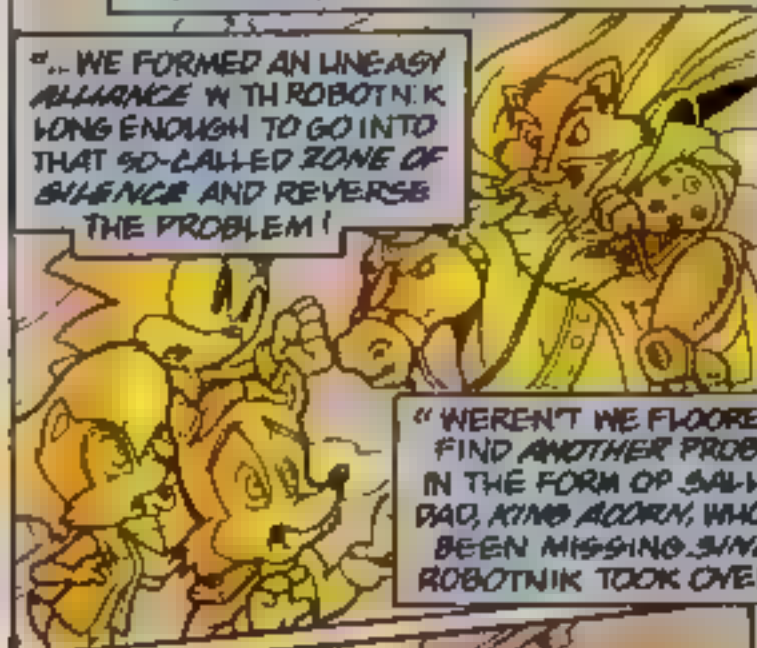
"AFTER COLLECTING MY BILLIONTH MAGICAL RING I WAS WARPED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION WHERE I LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE RINGS--

"...MY POWER SOURCE--FROM BENEVOLENT MYSTICAL BEINGS WHO LIVE THERE!



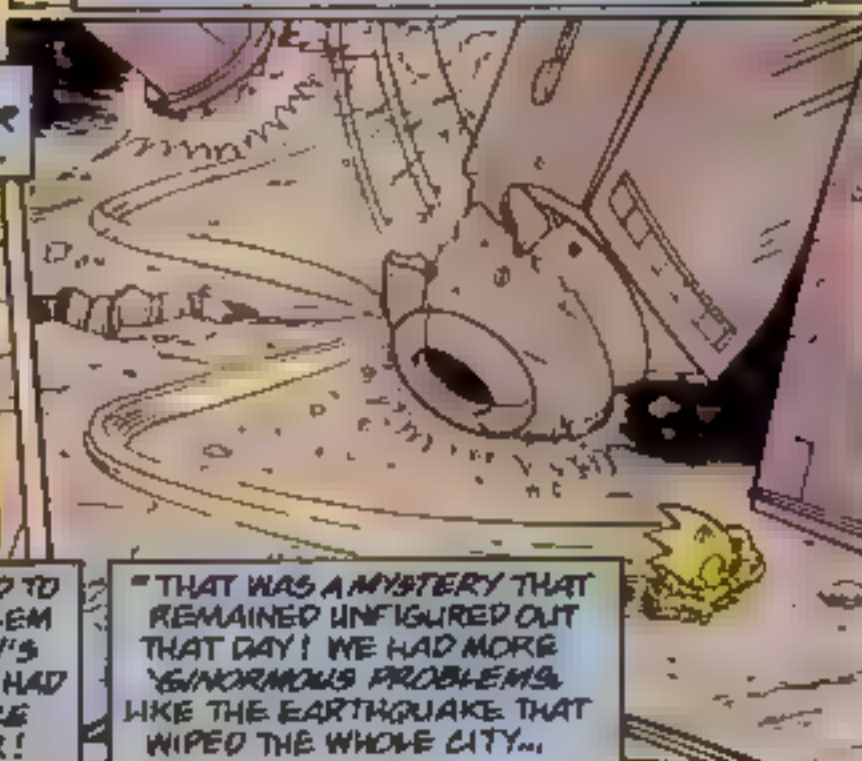
"WHEN ALL LIFE ON MOBIUS WAS THREATENED BY THE THREAT OF ANOTHER ZONE-REALITY REPLACING OUR OWN...

"...WE FORMED AN UNEASY ALLIANCE WITH ROBOTNIK LONG ENOUGH TO GO INTO THAT SO-CALLED ZONE OF SILENCE AND REVERSE THE PROBLEM!

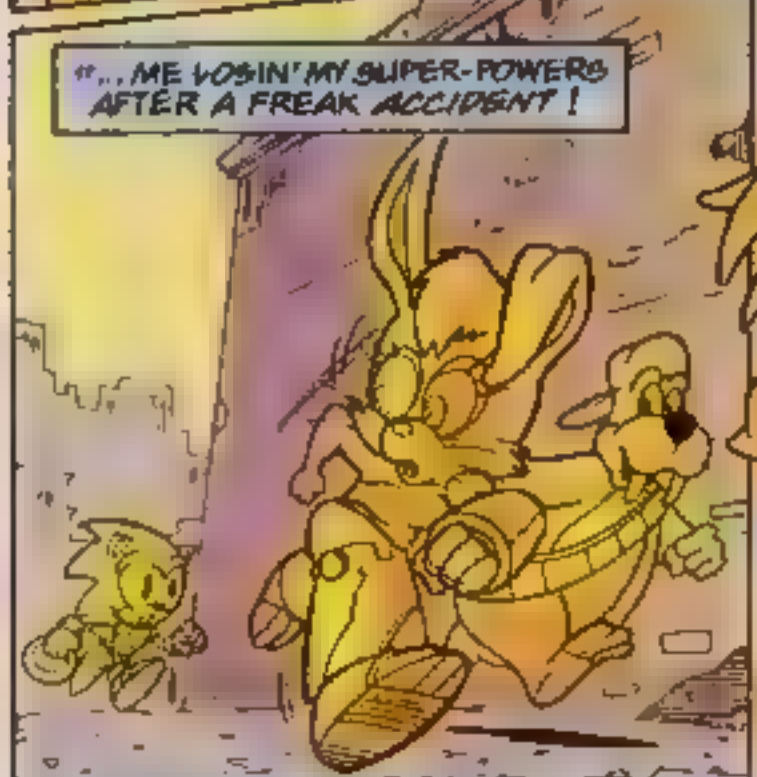


"WEREN'T WE FLOORED TO FIND ANOTHER PROBLEM IN THE FORM OF SALLY'S DAD, KING ACORN, WHO HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER!

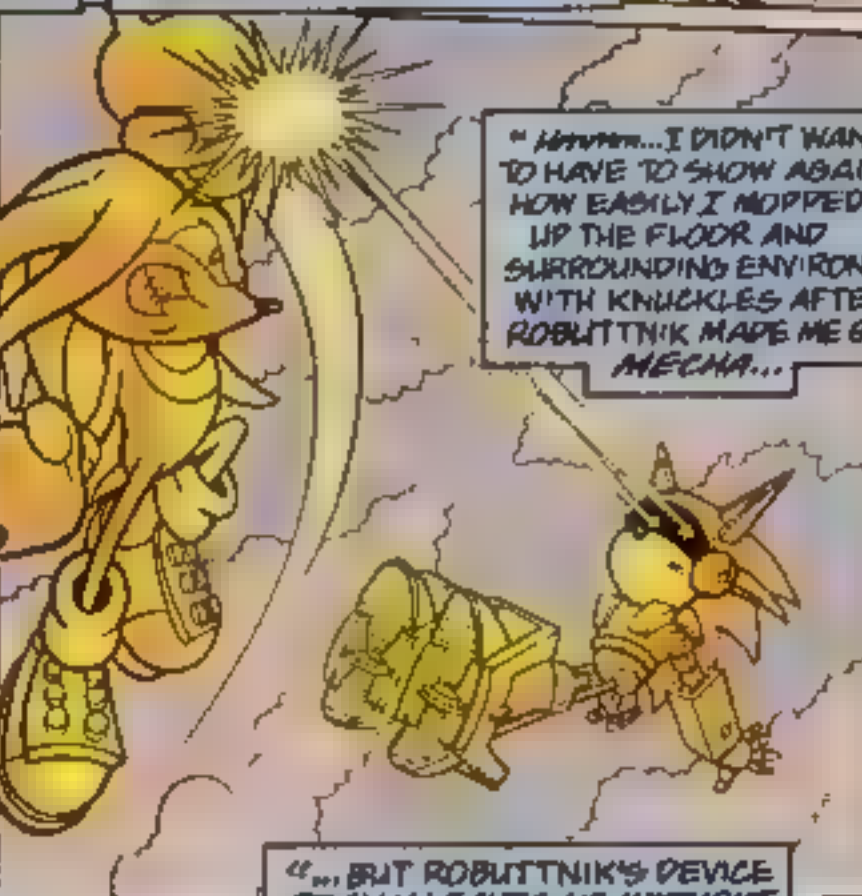
"THAT WAS A MYSTERY THAT REMAINED UNFIGURED OUT THAT DAY! WE HAD MORE 'GIGANTIC PROBLEMS, LIKE THE EARTHQUAKE THAT WIPE THE WHOLE CITY...



"...ME LOSIN' MY SUPER-POWERS AFTER A FREAK ACCIDENT!



"HMMM...I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO SHOW AGAIN HOW EASILY I MOPPED UP THE FLOOR AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONS WITH KNUCKLES AFTER ROBOTNIK MADE ME GO MECHA...



"TALK ABOUT THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE! THIS WAS ONE HEDGEHOG WHO WAS FEELIN' A DEFINITE NEED FOR SPEED!

"...BUT ROBOTNIK'S DEVICE REALLY LEAVES ME WITHOUT A CHOICE! 3 SNICKER! 2

"OH, BUT DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKIN' THAT HE WASN'T INTO THE SERIOUS GRUDGE MATCH HE EVEN RISKED ROBOTICIZATION TO BECOME KNUCKLES!"

"THAT 'MECHA MADNESS' NEARLY COST US ALL WE'D HELD DEAR..."

"...INCLUDIN' OUR HUMANITY! WHAT A CLOSE CALL!"

"BUT GET THIS! NO SOONER IS THE GUY DEROBOTICIZED, WHEN HE'S ALL OF A SUDDEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF TREASON AGAINST THE KINGDOM!"

"AFTER CLEARING MY WAY-COOL NAME, ME, GAWY, AND GEOFFREY WENT BACK INTO THE ZONE OF SILENCE TO FIND KING ACORN AND BRING HIM HOME!"

"THERE WAS NO TIME FOR COOLIN' MY HEELS, THOUGH! ROBOTNIK'S MOST FIENDISH DEVICE SINCE ROBOSTORM WAS READY FOR USE--"

"BOTH ME AND THE DOC MEANT BUSINESS THAT TIME--"

"--THE DREADED DEATH EGG!"

"--AND WE WERE WEARING THE BATTLE-SUITS TO PROVE IT! BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW MUCH HE FOUGHT--"

"--I MADE POSITIVE HE WOUND UP WITH EGG ON HIS FACE THAT TIME!

"WHILE THE DOC LICKED HIS WOUNDS...

"...WE USED THE FREE TIME TO TRY AND FIND A CURE FOR THE STRANGE SICKNESS THAT HAD KING ACORN IN ITS GRIP EVER SINCE HE CAME HOME!

"USING A 'DREAM DEVICE', I WAS ABLE TO ENTER THE KING'S MIND--

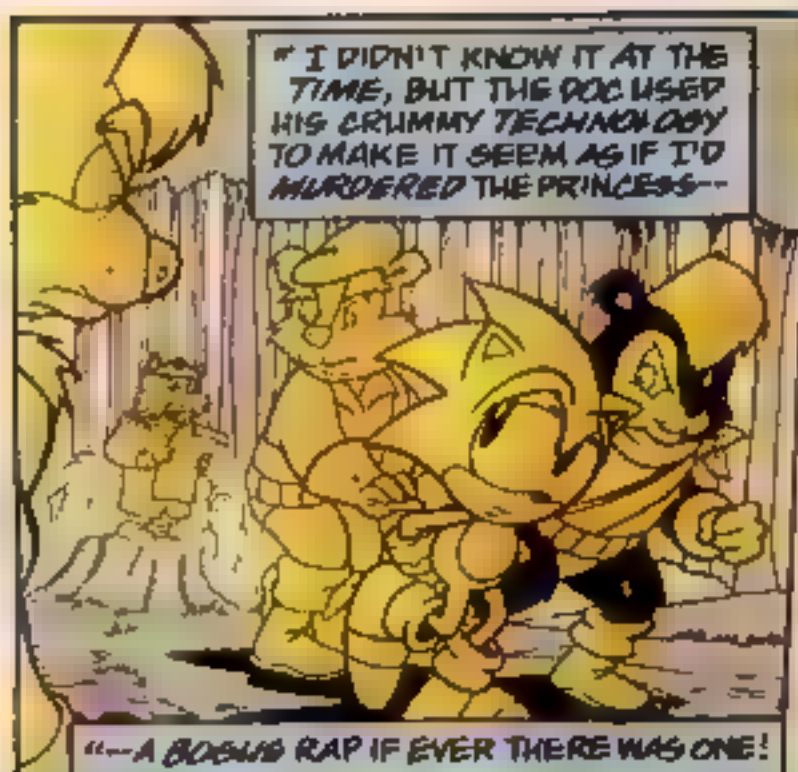
"CAN YOU SAY TAG-TEAM MATCH? ME AND KNUCKLES COULD AFTER EVIL ALTERNATE REALITY VERSIONS OF US MADE THE SCENE.

"--TO CONVINCE HIS CONSCIOUSNESS THAT HE WAS FINALLY FREE OF THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

"FINALLY, I GOT THAT TRIP I WAS BEGGIN' FOR! EXCEPT, IT WAS TO THE JUNGLE, WHERE WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S ECODESTROYER FROM TURNING IT INTO A TOSSED SALAD.

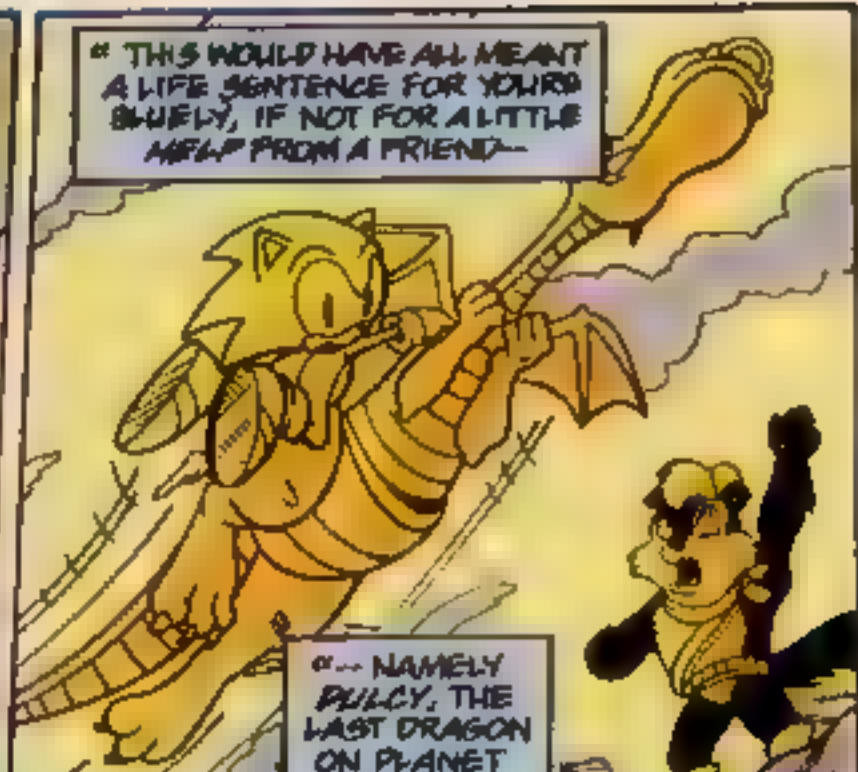
"NO ONE WAS READY FOR WHAT HAPPENED NEXT--

"--ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE PLAN TO PUT ME OUT OF THE PICTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL-- H.9. ENDGAME!



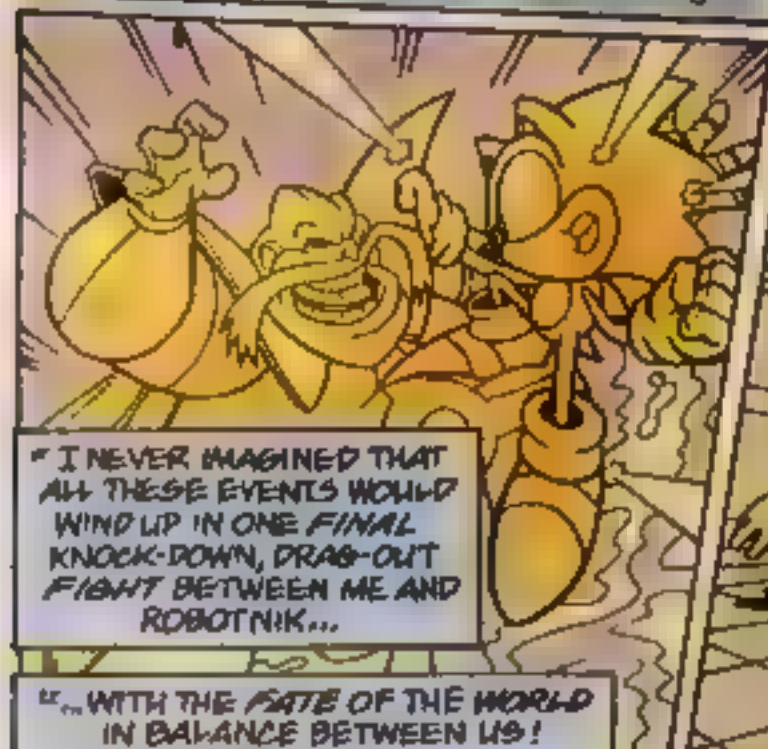
"I DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME, BUT THE DOC USED HIS CRUMMY TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF I'D MURDERED THE PRINCESS--

"--A BOSS-UP RAP IF EVER THERE WAS ONE!



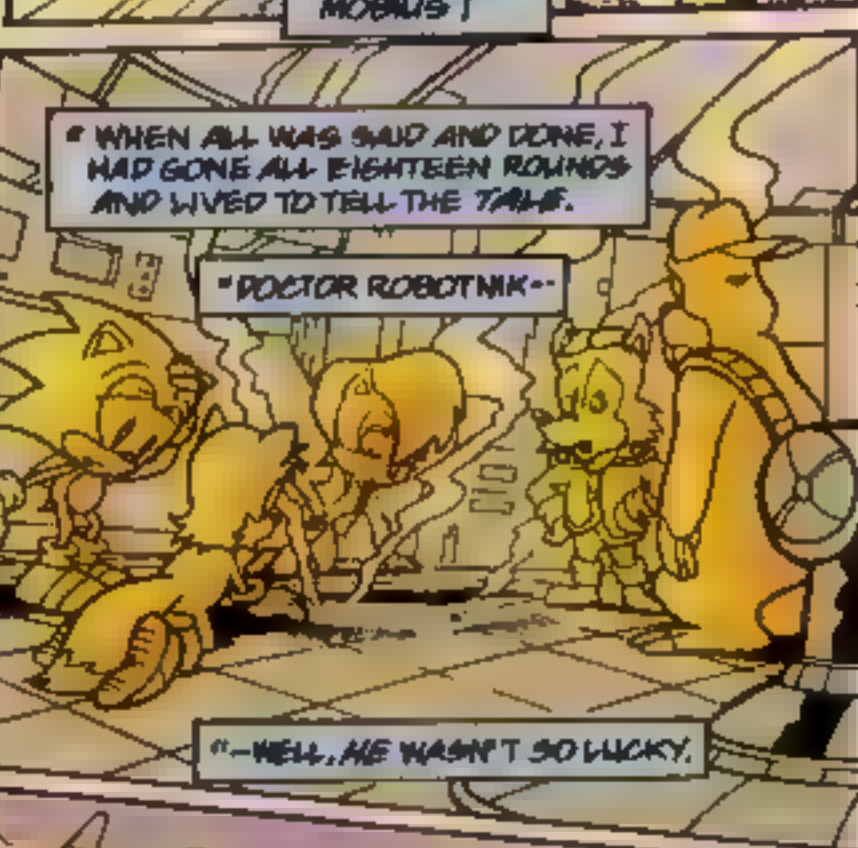
"THIS WOULD HAVE ALL MEANT A LIFE SENTENCE FOR YOURD BLUELY, IF NOT FOR A LITTLE HELP FROM A FRIEND--

"-- NAMELY PULCY, THE LAST DRAGON ON PLANET MOBIUS!



"I NEVER IMAGINED THAT ALL THESE EVENTS WOULD WIND UP IN ONE FINAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT FIGHT BETWEEN ME AND ROBOTNIK...

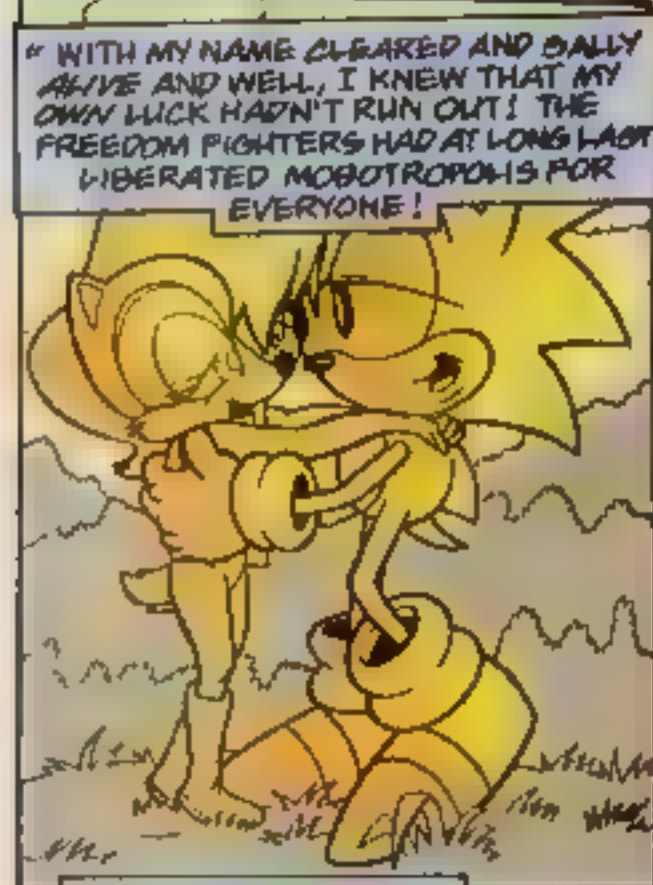
"...WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD IN BALANCE BETWEEN US!



"WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE, I HAD GONE ALL EIGHTEEN ROUNDS AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE.

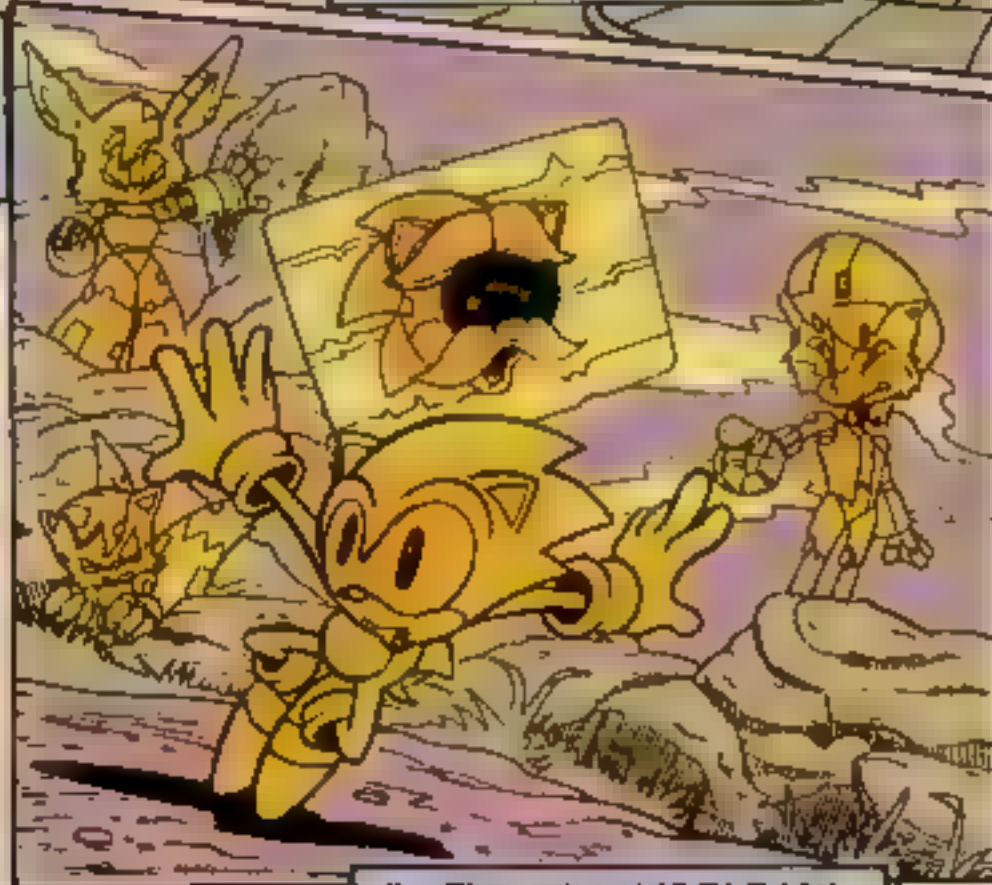
"DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--

"--WELL, HE WASN'T SO LUCKY.



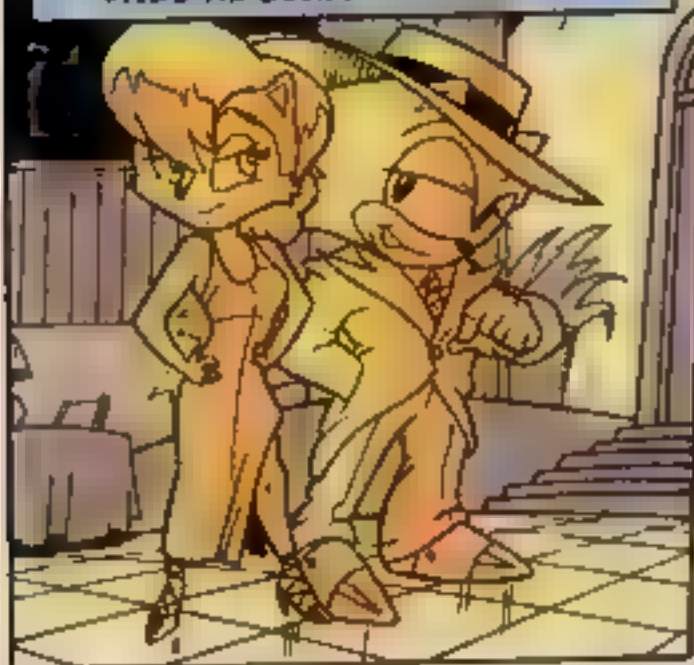
"WITH MY NAME CLEARED AND DALLY ALIVE AND WELL, I KNEW THAT MY OWN LUCK HADN'T RUN OUT! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD AT LONG LAST LIBERATED MOBOTROPOLIS FOR EVERYONE!

"BUT EVEN WITH THE DOC'S PASSING...

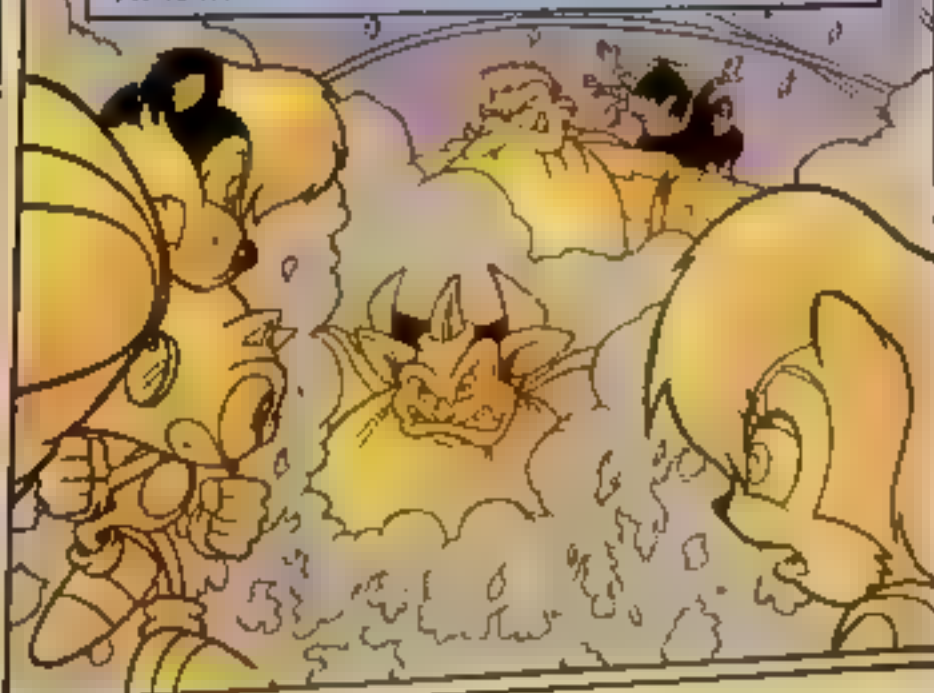


"...I'VE STILL HAD TO FACE RANDOM MENACES APLENTY--

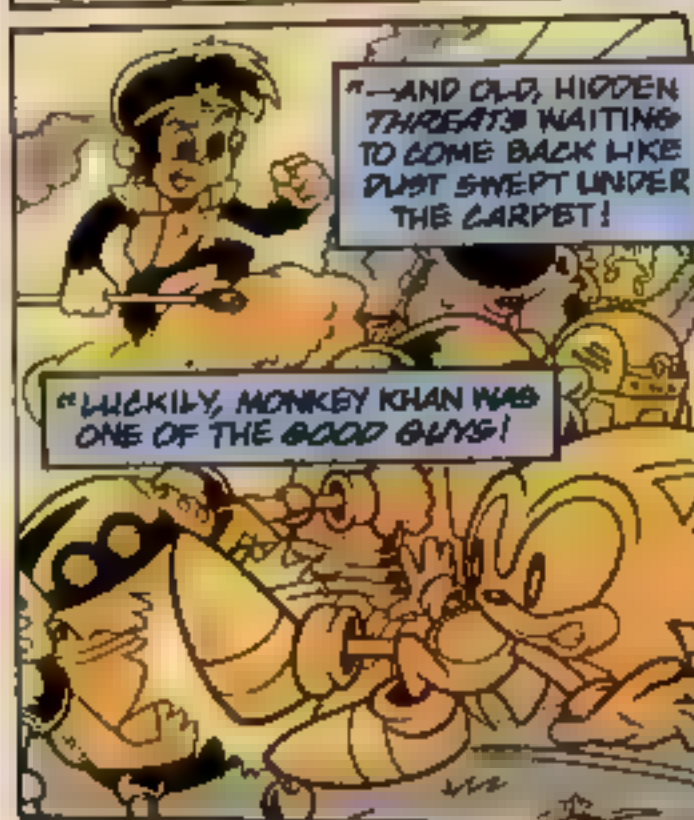
"...LIKE MORE ALTERNATE REALITY ZONES THAT'VE CROPPED UP ALL OVER, GIVING US GLIMPSSES INTO OTHER LIVES WE COULD HAVE LED--



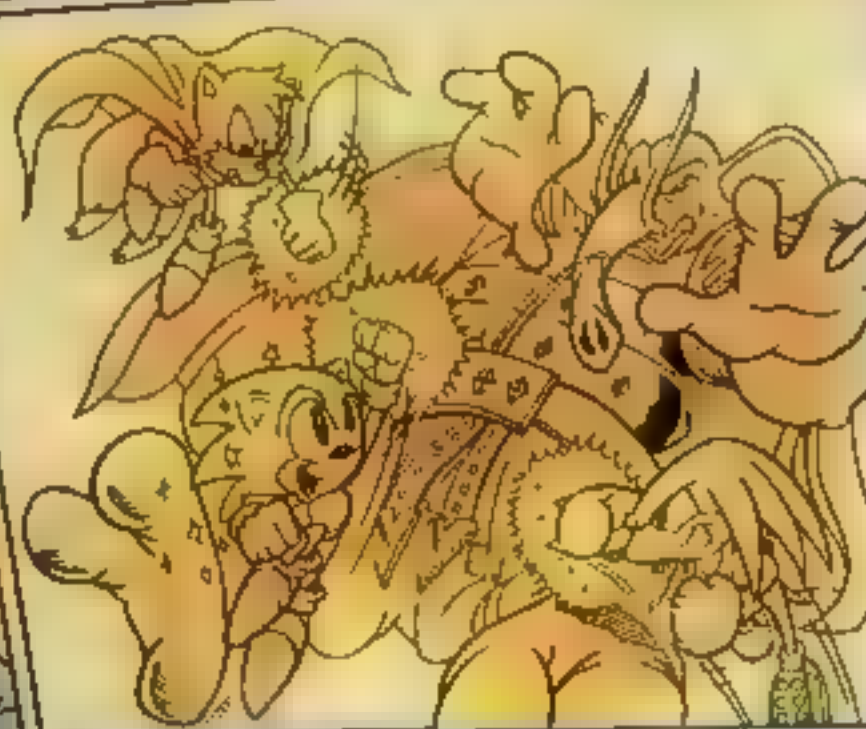
"--BRAND NEW HEAVIES, LIKE IXIS NAUGUS, WHO WON'T STOP AT ANYTHING AS THEY ATTEMPT TO TAKE UP ROBOTNIK'S REINS--



"--AND OLD, HIDDEN THREATS WAITING TO COME BACK LIKE DUST SWEEPED UNDER THE CARPET!

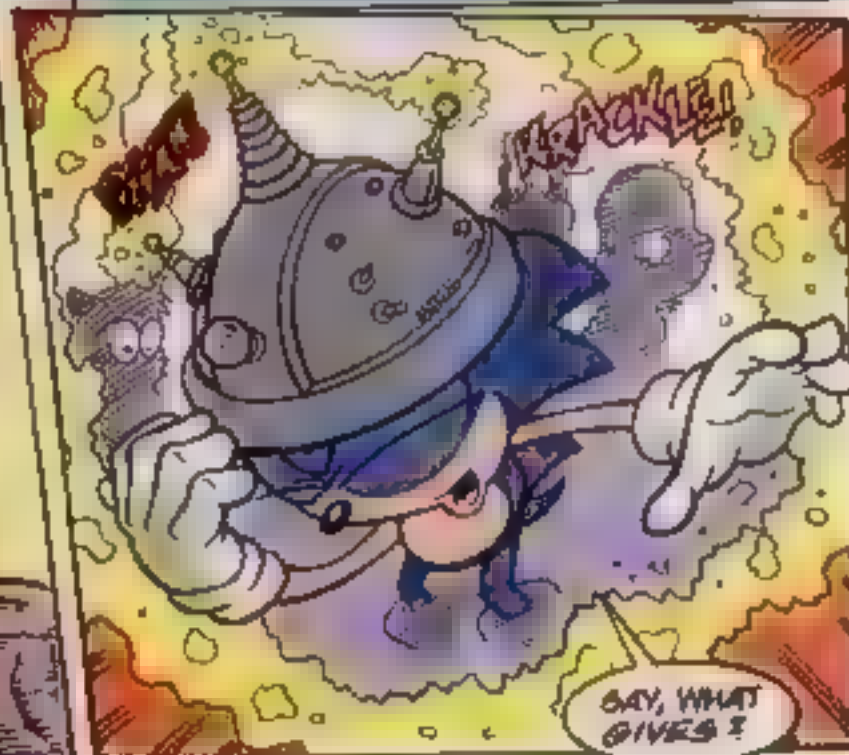
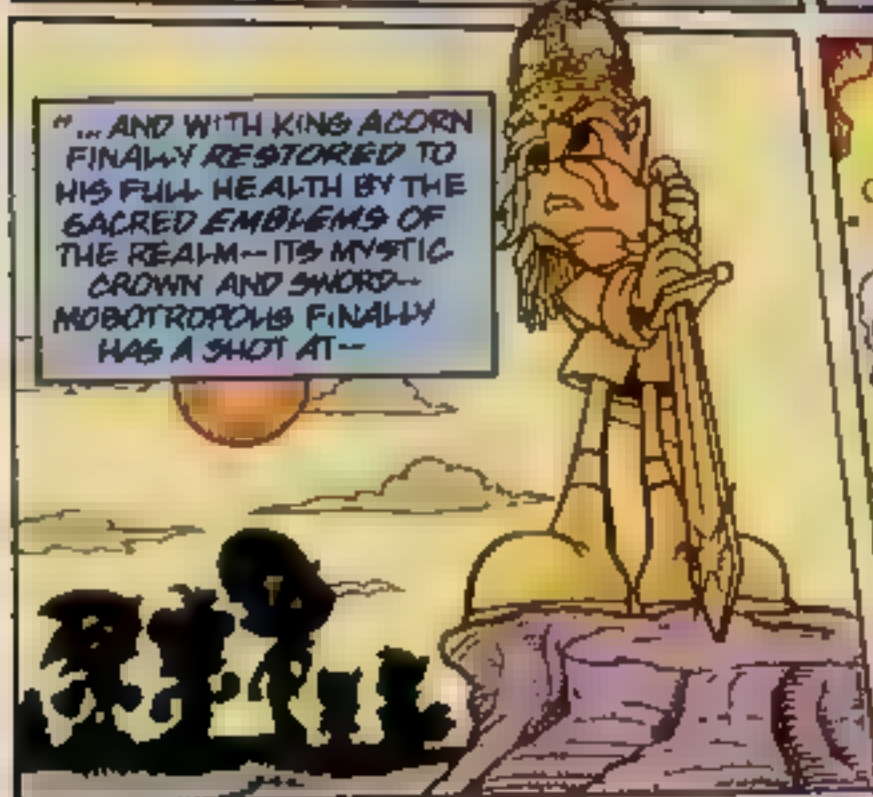


"LUCKILY, MONKEY KHAN WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS!

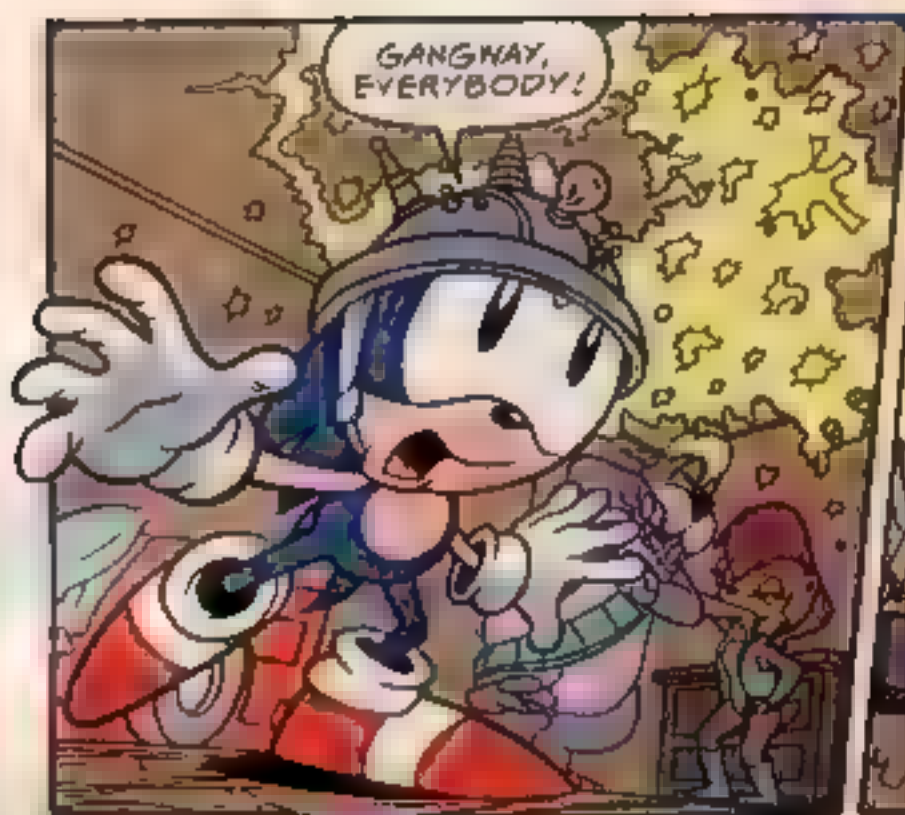


"BUT, I KNOW ONE THING--WITH FRIENDS TO AID ME IN THE BATTLE AGAINST POWER HUNGRY GODS LIKE MAMMOTH MOGUL...

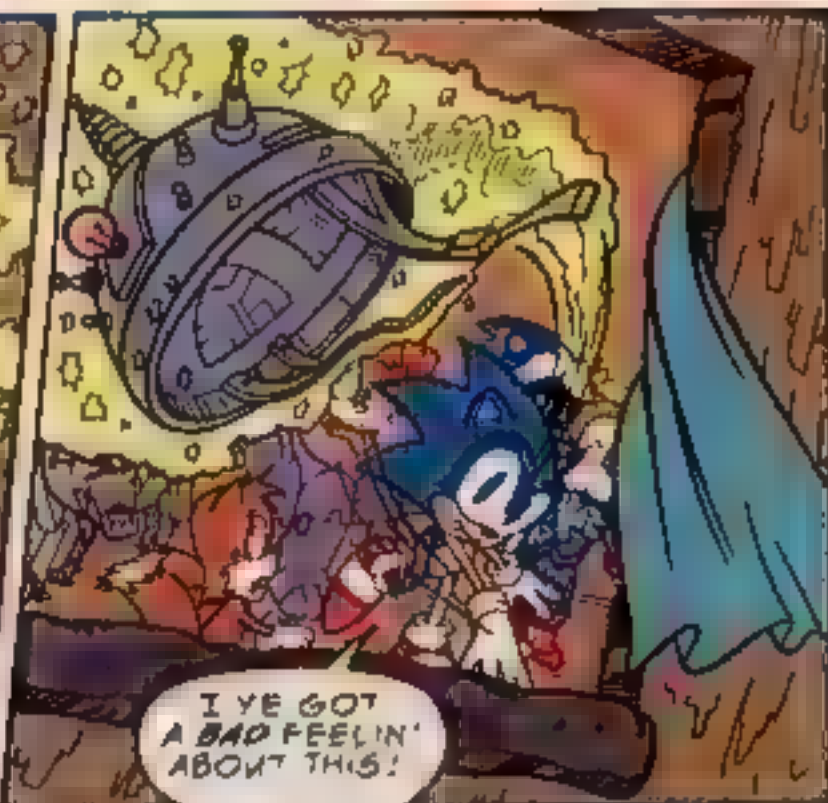
"...AND WITH KING ACORN FINALLY RESTORED TO HIS FULL HEALTH BY THE SACRED EMBLEMS OF THE REALM--ITS MYSTIC CROWN AND SWORD--ROBOTROPOLIS FINALLY HAS A SHOT AT--



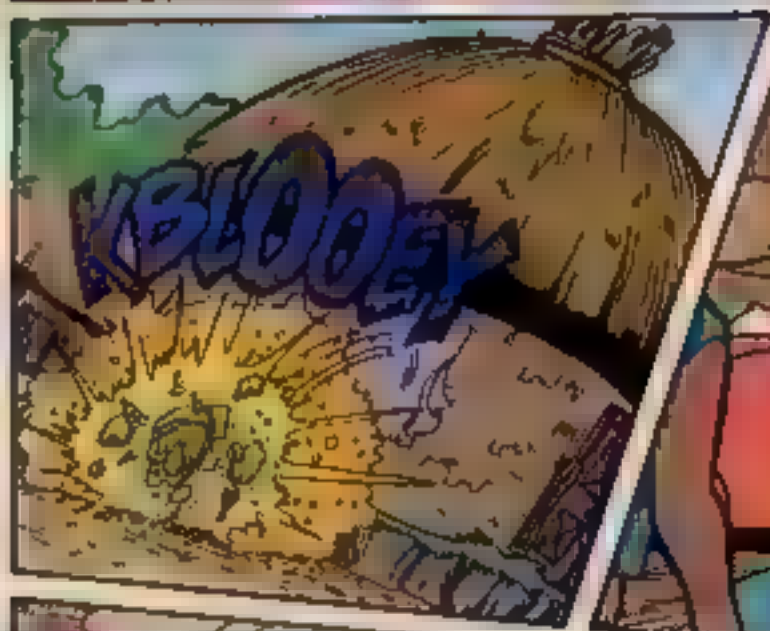
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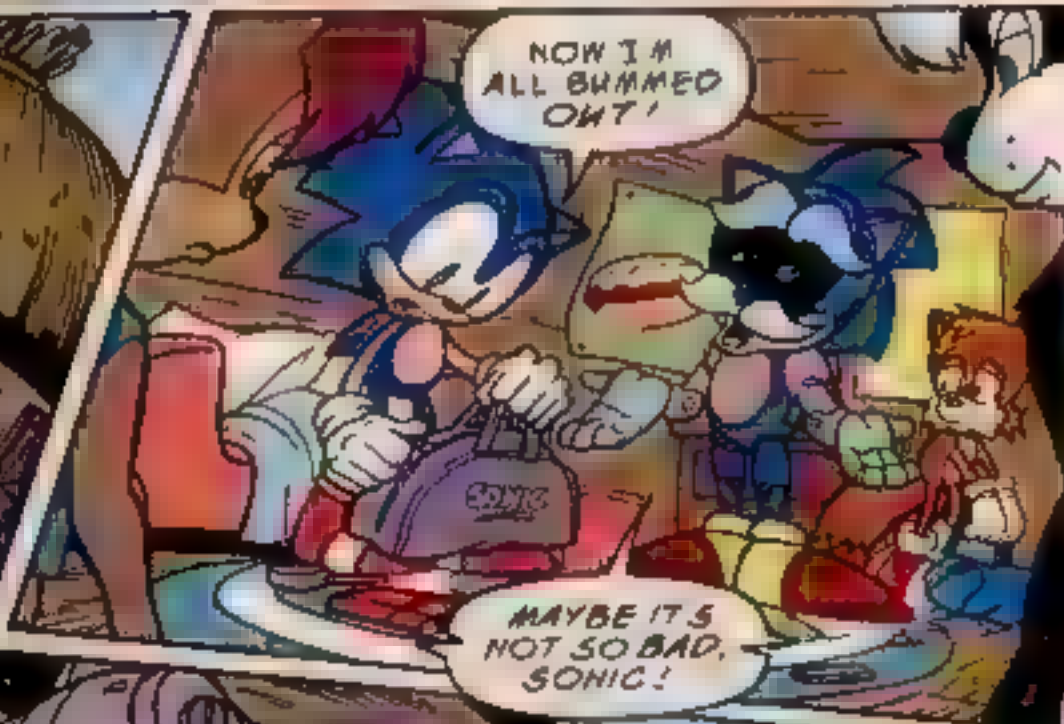
GANGWAY,
EVERYBODY!



I'VE GOT
A BAD FEELIN'
ABOUT THIS!



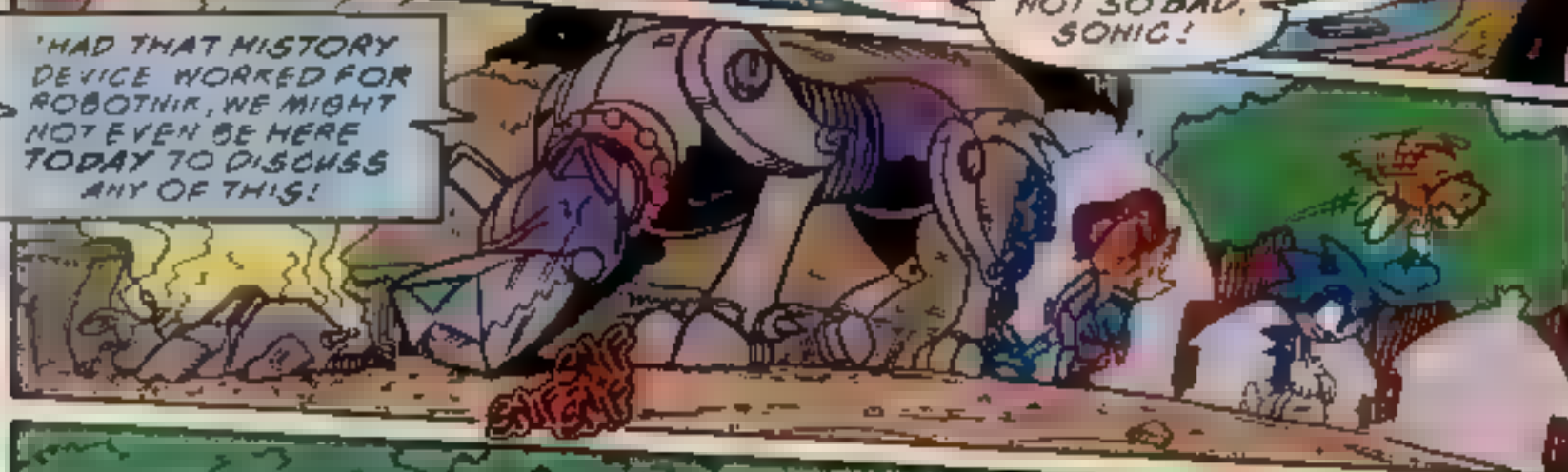
BLOOEY



NOW I'M
ALL BUMMED
OUT!

MAYBE IT'S
NOT SO BAD,
SONIC!

'HAD THAT HISTORY
DEVICE WORKED FOR
ROBOTNIK, WE MIGHT
NOT EVEN BE HERE
TODAY TO DISCUSS
ANY OF THIS!

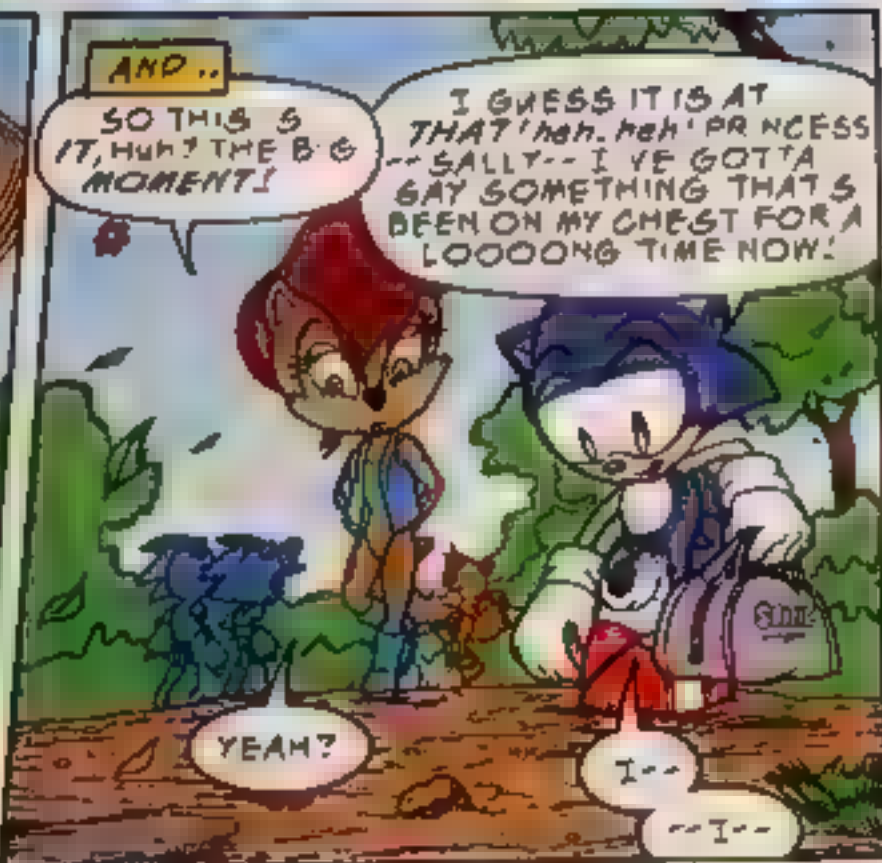
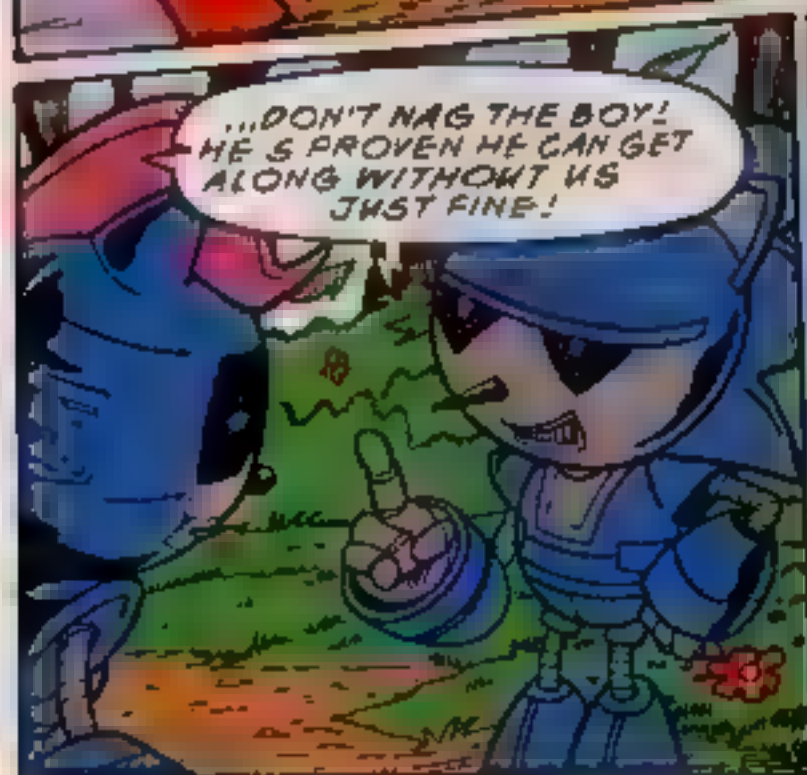
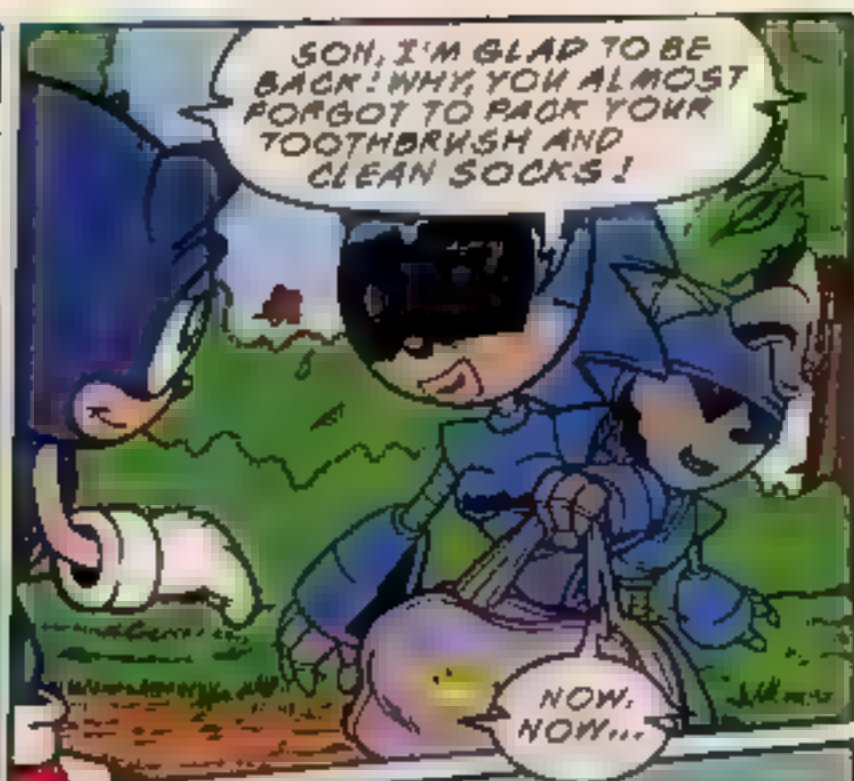


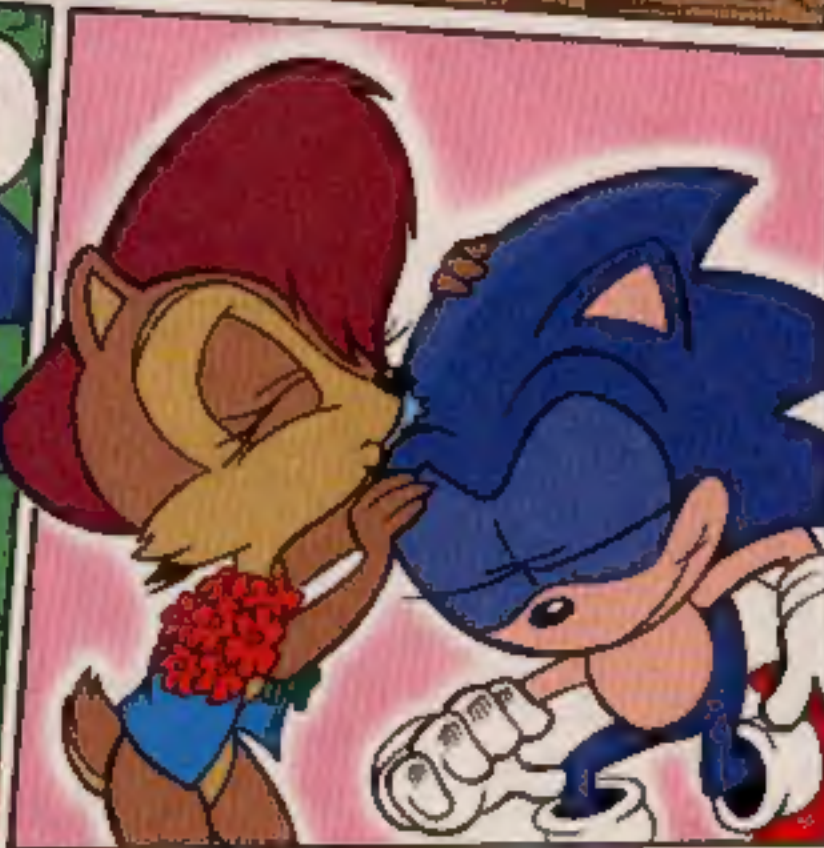
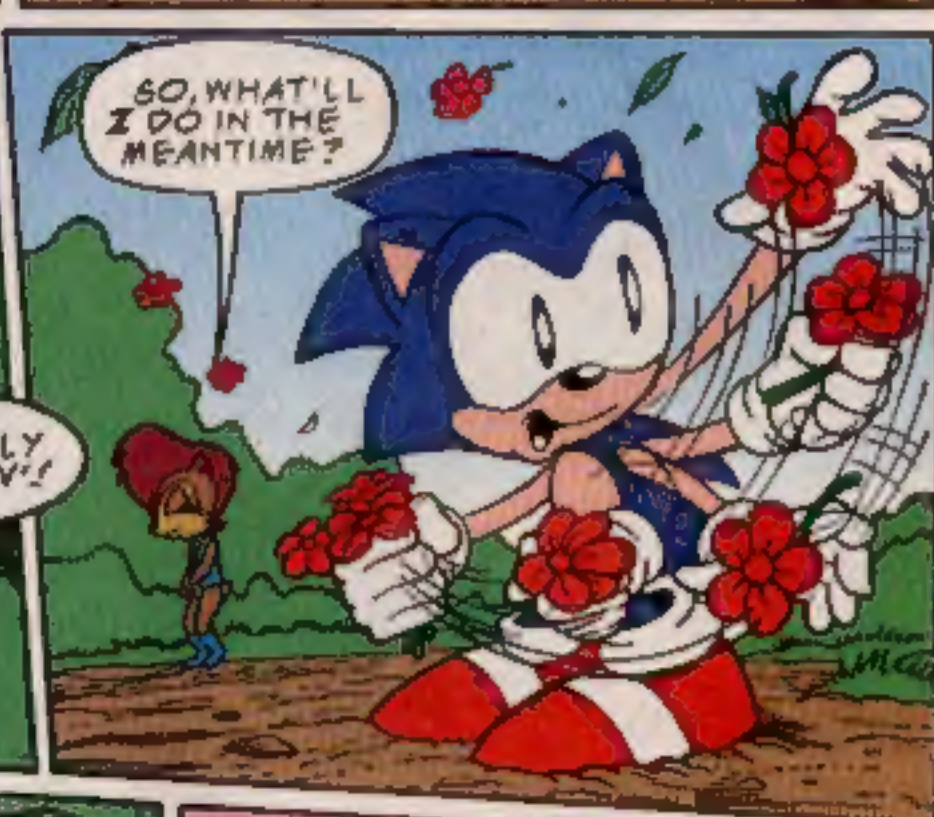
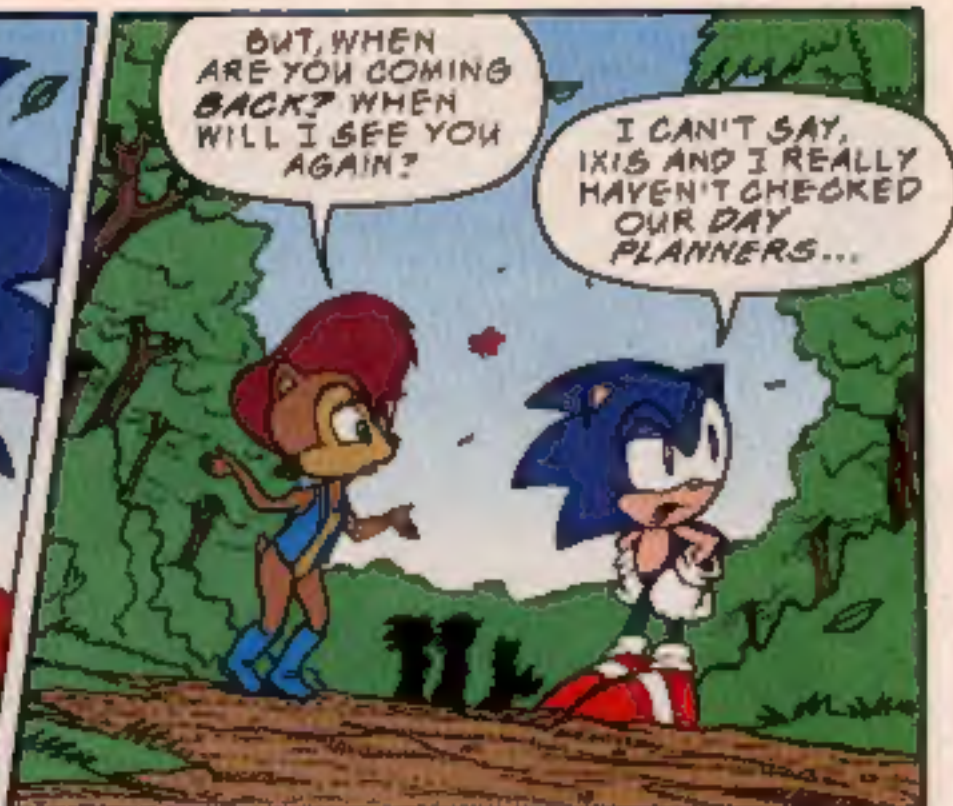
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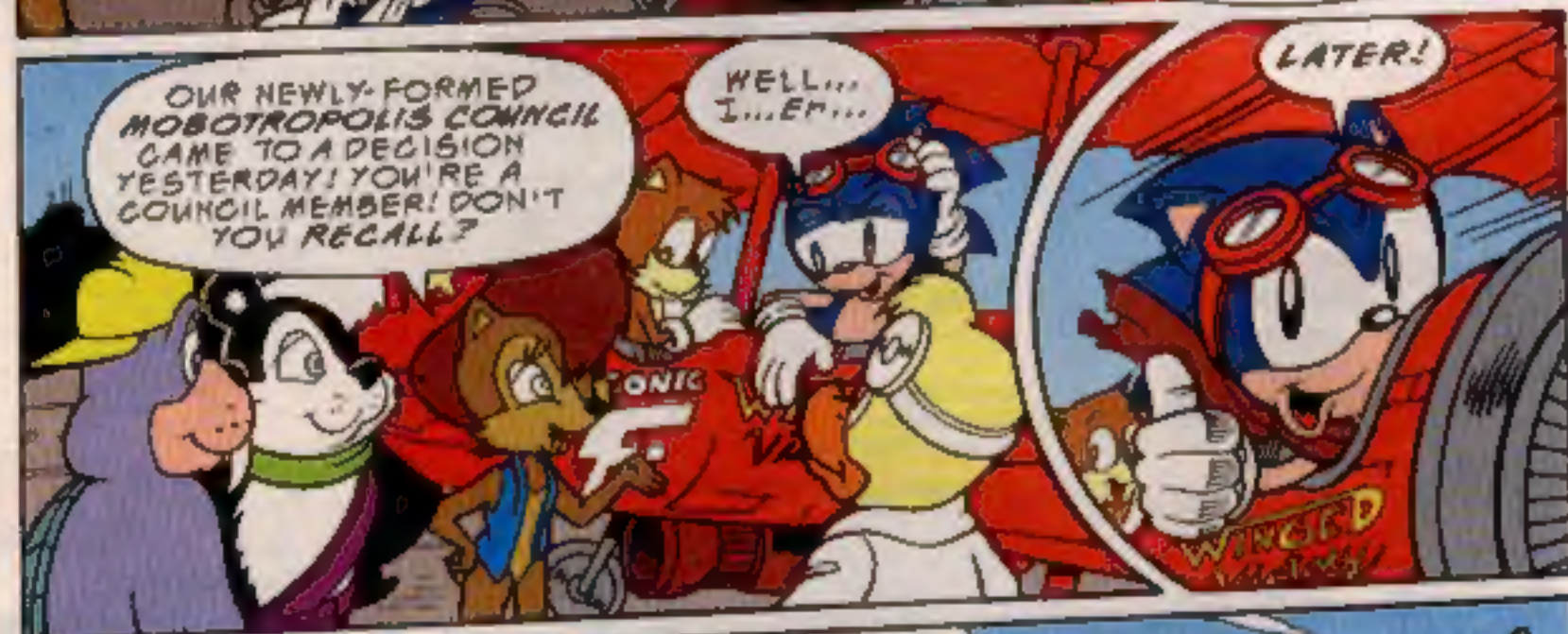
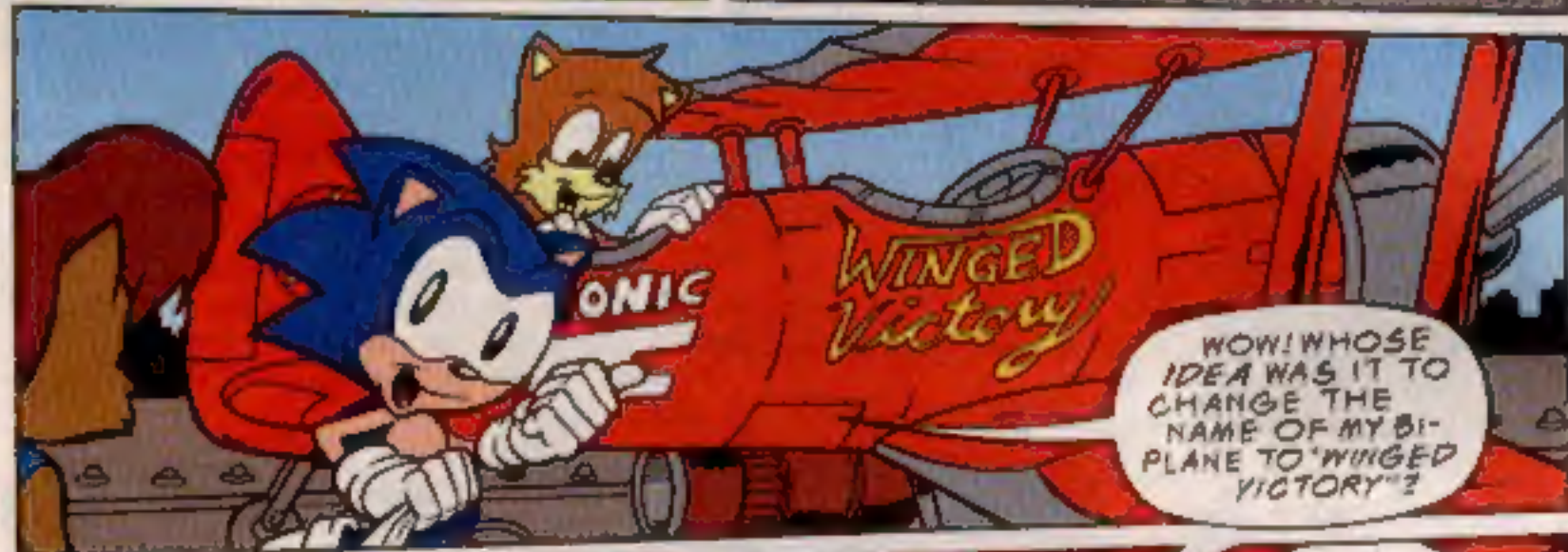
WHAT
IS IT,
SON?







THIS DAY HERALDS THE START OF A NEW ERA FOR SONIC, HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



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Sonic And Tails Locked In Chains??!

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AND IN SIX WEEKS:

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